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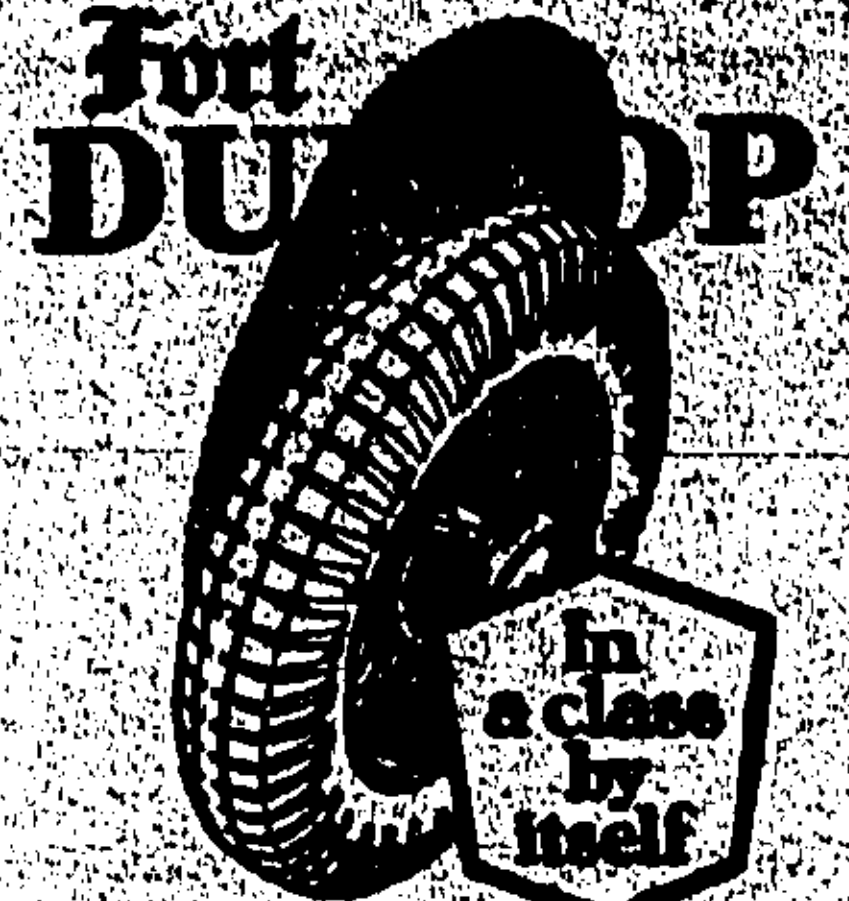
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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR — The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/5 5/16.

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INQUIRY COMMISSION WANTED IN MANCHURIA — URGENTLY

THE DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC.

Foolhardy to Court Trouble.

INDOOR PARTY.

Seen this morning, Dr. G. W. Pope, M.D.H., said that no new cases of diphtheria had been reported to him up to 11.15 o'clock, and remarked, "So far so good."

It is learned, from a reliable unofficial source, however, that two cases have occurred on the mainland since 2 o'clock this morning, and it is possible, that these cases had not been reported to the M.D.H. when interviewed.

Our representative asked Dr. Pope's opinion of the inclination in certain quarters to regard the "Keep away" from crowds" warning as applying only to gatherings, in confined spaces indoors and that there was no danger of contact in outdoor gatherings.

"Not even if there happens to be a carrier in the gathering," our representative asked.

Dr. Pope replied that he did not see what harm a carrier could do in the open. He added, however, that it would be foolhardy to hold any gathering, particularly children's parties, indoors.

Only Three Deaths. Starting with six cases between 9 a.m. and noon yesterday, the number of diphtheria cases reported reached 16 at 4 p.m. This shows that there is

Functions Cancelled.

TO-DAY

Watchnight services — St. John's Cathedral, Union Church, Wesleyan Church, New Year's Eve Carnival, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

New Year's Ball — Peak Club.

Dance—Royal Engineers.

Whist Drive — Dockyard Recreation Club.

New Year's Dance — American Club.

Whist Drive — Sailors' and Soldiers' Home.

JANUARY 3. Rally—City Hall.

Christmas Tree—R.A.O.B. Club.

JANUARY 6. St. George's Ball.

little if any abatement of the epidemic which is still very serious, but speaking to Pressmen yesterday afternoon, Dr. G. W. Pope, M.D.H., was very hopeful that the worst will be over by the end of the week, when he expects a big decrease in figures.

Since the epidemic started on December 22, only three deaths have occurred. Of these two were Chinese whose bodies were found in the streets and the third was a German boy who died at the Kowloon Hospital on Christmas Day.

The total number of cases registered since the first of the month up to yesterday afternoon is 69, and of these 79 cases were reported since December 22.

The figures to hand for the 24 hours ended December 30 show 11 cases in Victoria, 10 in the New Territories, and 8 in Kowloon.

Paris, Yesterday.
A further hitch has arisen over the constitution of the Commission of Enquiry owing to the difficulty of finding a British member.

All others have, virtually, been appointed.
It is now learned that the American member will not be Mr. Hines. Probably it will be an Army General, whose name is not mentioned, but not General Dawes.

The need for sending out the Commission very quickly is being urged by Dr. Hoo, who recently made a representation to M. Briand about it.
M. Briand shared Dr. Hoo's view, but point that a reply had not yet been received to the invitation to Britain to nominate a member.

Dr. Hoo paid a late call at the Quai d'Orsay to-day and saw Senor Massigli, head of the League of Nations section, and it is understood Dr. Hoo asked that the League should take action in view of the recrudescence of Japanese activities.

This view is also expressed in the recent note from Dr. Hoo to M. Briand. The latter has circulated it to other members of the Council, but there is no likelihood that a special meeting of the Council will be called.—Reuter.

realised the need for preventive measures, the effect of precautions taken since then will not be apparent until about Saturday.

Germ Carriers.

Further, there must be taken into consideration the problem of germs being carried about by people, and further cases might be expected through susceptibles coming into contact with carriers.

Medical and educational authorities have decided, in regard to the five British schools of the Colony, to close them for a further period of seven days from the date of the termination of the Christmas holidays, for "health reasons." Therefore, instead of the reopening on Monday, these schools will remain closed until January 11.

Parties Cancelled.

An "At Home" by Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, on board H.M.S. Kent, arranged for last night, was postponed on account of the epidemic.

Several Clubs have cancelled their New Year's Eve parties arranged for to-night, while the New Year's Eve Carnival, which was to have been held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant to-night is also off.

The Dean has asked us to state that the usual watchnight service will not be held in St. John's Cathedral at 11.30 o'clock to-night, New Year's Eve.

Also as a precaution against the spread of diphtheria a whist drive arranged for January 2 in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home has been cancelled.

St. George's Society advertise the cancellation of their annual Ball arranged for January 6.

Amongst other functions postponed is the R.A.O.B. Christmas Tree party for children, which was to be held on Sunday afternoon, January 8.

Broadcast Talk.

Dr. D. J. Valentin, Deputy Director of Medical Services, gave a broadcast talk last evening on the subject of diphtheria, explaining the peculiar circumstances which surround the epidemic, and the importance of the milk supply.

Dr. Valentin thought it was unlikely that the further infection from the epidemic would arise, but still advised the public to be careful.

INDIAN "REDS" APOLOGISE.

Promise to Be Good Boys in Future.

SITUATION IN HAND.

Peshawar, Yesterday.
The menace to peace in the Frontier Province has now been removed. A small body of British troops has again been drafted into the city, but there has been no renewal of last night's demonstrations.

One hundred and twenty "Red Shirts" were arrested last week at Kohat. They are released after apologising and promising to abstain from further disturbances.

There is still some slight unrest in the Khattak district, where meetings have been held in defiance of Government's order.—Reuter.

DISTINGUISHED SON OF CANADA DEAD.

Sir George Eulas Foster.

85 YEARS OLD.

Ottawa, Yesterday.
The death is announced of the Right Hon. Sir George Eulas Foster.—Reuter.

Sir George Eulas, K.C.M.G., G.C.M.G., D.C.L., LL.D., P.C. (Canada), P.C. (British), M.P. North Toronto (1904-21) has been a member of the Canadian Senate since 1921.

Prior to entering politics in 1882 Sir George was an educationalist, and as a teacher, professor, and lecturer, made a name for himself.

Sir George was, throughout his political career, a Liberal-Conservative, an Imperialist, and a United Empire Preferential Trade advocate. He was a stout champion and supporter of adequate protection for Canadian industries, and urged the development of Canada by railway and steamship facilities.

In his time he held many positions of responsibility, and represented Canada at the Peace Conference in 1919. He entered upon his 85th year last September.

SIR HERBERT SAMUEL IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Home Secretary, Sir Herbert Samuel, who has been spending a part of the recess at Torquay, went by motor car to visit Dartmoor Prison at Prince Town to-day. His machine skidded on an ice-bound moorland road and ran into a ditch.—British Wireless Service.

The message is incomplete. We are left to conjecture what has resulted from the accident.

ESCUDOS NOT CONVERTIBLE INTO GOLD.

Lisbon, Yesterday.

A decree has been made suspending until April 30, the convertibility of Portuguese bank notes into gold, but maintaining convertibility into sterling notes on London at the par rate of 110.—Reuter.

But in the event of a contracting bank, the Government will be obliged to convert the notes into gold.

BRITONS AND THE CRISIS

VOLUNTARY GIFTS TO THE TREASURY.

TAX - PAYERS

WAIVE RIGHTS TO REFUNDS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Heavy instalments of Income Tax, totalling about two hundred million pounds, are due for payment next month, and authorities express confidence that the money will be forthcoming before the end of the financial year, March 31.

Many notable examples of practical patriotism are on record in which taxpayers have waived their rights to repayment of tax. Sur-tax payers have, in some cases, added gifts to the payments which they have made in advance. Voluntary gifts of money, ranging from a trivial sum of fifteen pence up to hundreds of pounds, have been sent to the Treasury, and gifts in kind consisting of pieces of jewellery and other valuables have also been received.

Revenue authorities state that no such demonstration of public determination to meet the crisis has been experienced since the war.—British Wireless Service.

CHINESE IN WEST INDIES.

Boycott Japanese Merchandise.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Port of Spain (West Indies), Yesterday.
Chinese here, following the example of compatriots elsewhere, have decided to boycott Japanese merchandise. £20,000 trade is expected to be diverted to Britain.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Coolie's Terrible Fate.

Wong Ng, (26), a coolie, living at 130, Ma Tau Wei Road, was crushed to death this morning at the Green Island Cement Company's works at Hunghom, when the wire rope of a lift suddenly gave way. He was crushed against the wall.

THRILL FOR LONDON'S BUSINESSMEN

FLAMES TEN FEET HIGH IN FINANCIAL CENTRE

GAS EXPLOSIONS.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL SERVICE.)

London, Yesterday.
Flames ten feet high and gas explosions were heard in the heart of the City of London, when a gas explosion occurred in the City of London.

SINO - JAPANESE NOTES TO LEAGUE.

Japanese Accused of Bombing Stations.

BRIGADE FROM KOREA.

Geneva, Yesterday.

A Japanese note to the League announces that a mixed brigade has been despatched from Korea to the vicinity of Antung.

A Chinese note to the League declares that the Japanese have bombed Tia Lianshan, Chengwou and Sishan stations on the Peking-Mukden line, and adds that the Japanese are dividing their troops into three groups with a view to making an advance upon Chinchow.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Steady Tone This Morning.

FAIR ENQUIRIES.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: On the last day of the year a steady tone was observable at the opening session this morning, there being fair enquiries for investment stocks.

Sales.
Wharves, 154.
Star Ferries, 99 1/2.
Watsons, 17.
Ewos, 11. 16.
Douglases, 25.
Hong Kong Land, 32 1/2.

Buyers.
Steamboats, 24.
Providents (old), 35 1/2.
Providents (new), 32 1/2.
Chinese Estates, 35 1/2.
Trams, 22 1/2.
Hong Kong Electric, 77 1/2.
Singapore Tractions, 8 1/2.
Cements (combined), 19 1/2.
Cements (old), 12 1/2.
Agricultrals, 10 1/2.
Watsons, 16 1/2.
Constructions (new), 18 1/2.

Wharves, 154.
Hotels (old), 15 1/2.
Realities, 12.
Ewos, 11. 16.
Peak Trams (old), 15 1/2.
Peak Trams (new), 8.
Canton Ice, 5 1/2.
Dairy Farms, 29 1/2.
Powells, 3 1/2.

Sellers.
Ewos, 11. 16.
Entertainments, 18 1/2.
Rauba, 40.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN DIRECTOR ILL.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Mr. C. P. Scott, Governing Director of Manchester Guardian, who is lying seriously ill at his Manchester home, was reported weaker to-day.—British Wireless Service.

BOMB EXPLOSION IN AMERICAN POST OFFICE

CLERK'S ARMS BLOWN OFF.

TWO ITALIANS ARRESTED.

Easton, Pennsylvania, Yesterday.

One Post Office official was killed and two seriously injured to-day in consequence of the explosion of two postal packages here among a batch of seven addressed to the Italian Consul-General in New York, the Italian Consulate at Pittsburgh, and several Italian and other foreign papers in New York.

The packages were left at the Post Office by two men who departed hurriedly. Officials, who became suspicious, were examining the parcels, when one exploded, killing one of the clerks and blowing off both the arms of another clerk.

The second parcel exploded while being examined in the open air by a dynamite expert, who was seriously injured.

The police have arrested two New York Italians, who were reported to have been seen leaving the vicinity of the Post Office about the time the explosion occurred.—Reuter.

The police believe it to be the outcome of a plot against the Fascist aiming at the murder of a number of Italian financiers, journalists, and diplomats. It is feared bombs may have been despatched from other cities, so Post Office authorities here ordered a careful surveillance of all mails.

Police are guarding the homes of intended victims.

Nine men and two women are now under arrest on suspicion of complicity in the plot.

Strong feelings were aroused against Fascist circles by the sentence of two years imprisonment passed on a young Italian who shouted imprecations at Signor Grandi when the latter was passing through to Philadelphia.—Reuter.

GENERALLY CLOUDY

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:—

The northern portion of the anticyclone has moved Eastward, leaving a separate anticyclone over China.

Forecast:—N. winds, fresh; generally cloudy.

MUCH TO COMMEND IT

Traffic Signs At A Dinner.

Red amber and green lights similar to "Stop" and "Go" traffic signals were used recently at a public dinner in Bonnamy to control the length of the after dinner speeches. It was the first occasion on which the device has been used, and the Chairman of the gathering, a Rotary Club Dinner, was the first to be suddenly checked. In fact, he was explaining that the signals were for when the red light came suddenly to life, he was told. The Mayor of Bonnamy, (Alfred P. M. Smith), was not at all upset at the first "stop" signal, and the first "go" signal, but he was very much surprised when the second "stop" signal came. However, the Mayor was not at all upset at the first "stop" signal, and the first "go" signal, but he was very much surprised when the second "stop" signal came. However, the Mayor was not at all upset at the first "stop" signal, and the first "go" signal, but he was very much surprised when the second "stop" signal came.

MOTORISTS—THIS IS YOUR PAGE

NOT A LUXURY.

Motor An Essential Utility.

[From an Address by George E. Quisenberry, Editor, The American Automobile.]

For many years the automobile industry has been combating the idea that its product is a luxury and should be taxed and regulated as such. Because the first automobiles were high in price they appeared on the road as the expensive toys of the rich. As time went on mass production brought about price reduction and the automobile came into general use, not only as a means of private personal transportation, but as a freight carrier.

Many countries still base their import duties and their local taxation of motor vehicles on the idea that they are a luxury completely ignoring the fact that no modern nation can compete with other nations in economic progress without motor transportation and good roads.

To-day 90 per cent. of all automobile travel is commercial and essential. Not more than 10 per cent. is luxury. Here is a truth which needs to be brought home to public officials, bankers, and the general public.

Perhaps the use of the word "joy-ride" has helped to continue the idea that the automobile is a luxury. It is pretty hard to define just what is a joy-ride. When you drive out with your family for a picnic on Sunday, that may be a luxury. I am not so sure that it is a luxury, but maybe it is. If you drive for pleasure or for social purposes that's a luxury. In other words only three uses of automobiles can be classed as luxuries—joy-

rides, picnics and pleasure—social driving.

Let's look at the other side of the picture. Necessary and commercial uses of automobiles include—

All truck traffic.
All bus traffic.
All taxicab and hire car traffic, because taxicabs earn a livelihood for owners and drivers.
All salesmen's cars.
All business cars.
Cars used for private transportation, other than for joy-riding.

Cars owned by farmers.
Cars owned by professional people, doctors, etc.

Cars owned by public utility companies—light, power, telephone, etc.

Official and Governmental automobiles, both cars and trucks.

Cars used in carrying mails and express, to rural and outlying regions.

Special purpose automobiles, fire-fighting, ambulances, etc.

Now check through all of these and you will find that ninety per cent. and probably more, of all automobile mileage is essential. Certainly very little of it is luxury.

And this applies to all countries, and territories, not alone to the United States.

Business depression, or any other thing, will not rule out this kind of traffic. It must be continued and we have barely started the development. It is only in the past few years that the world has started to fill its real transportation needs, the total of which none of us can even estimate, because transportation makes transportation needs grow.

And please remember that very splendid statement of one

TAXI TRADE.

Hire Car Business in Japan.

Tokyo, Nov. 30.
If you trade in your automobile on a new car in Japan, you may be sure that nearly eight times out of ten your second-hand car will be dolled up with flashy paint, have a sign painted on it and be used as a taxicab.

The taxi business is the main market for used cars in this country. As a result a ride in some of the cabs is not any more comfortable or speedy than a ride in the old ricksha.

R. A. May, managing director of General Motors in Japan, has this to say of the used car situation:

"Sales in Japan are approximately equally divided between cars and trucks. Approximately 70 per cent. of the cars are used for taxi-cabs, 10 per cent. are used for bus service in rural districts and the remaining 10 per cent. is split up between sales to the Government, sales to business houses and private owners."

"All of the cars used for taxis are used for commercial purposes and account for about 90 per cent. of the total. These cars are run very intensively because of the high taxation and the necessity of securing high gross receipts to minimise depreciation and obsolescence costs per mile."

of our automobile lenders. The saturation point will never be reached until every person capable of driving an automobile owns an automobile that will never wear out.

BIG AND LITTLE.

Change Over of Motors.

Big motors and little motors; electric motors no larger than those needed to operate sewing machines to others capable of producing 1,750 horsepower—27,000 of them in all—are undergoing change over at the Ford Motor Company's Rouge Plant in Dearborn, Michigan. The work, now about forty-five per cent. completed, already represents an expenditure of more than U.S. \$6,000,000. It is estimated that an additional year will be required to finish the installation.

The job, said to be the most formidable of its kind ever undertaken, entails the substitution of alternating current motors for those of the direct current type. The move is a part of the company's programme of expansion in view of future needs. Benefits from the change will include reduction in motor control costs, greater safety to workmen and an easy ability to expand production facilities.

In approaching the task Ford engineers made a complete survey of the entire plant taking into consideration the various sizes and duties of the old motors. From this survey was formulated a series of schedules covering the requirements of individual buildings and departments. Practically all machinery ranging from small machines to mile-long conveyors will be affected. It has already been demonstrated that the new installation will in many instances save from one to two horsepower on each machine. Changes so far completed have resulted in a gross saving of more than 2,000 horsepower as compared with the former set-up. A similar change over at the Detroit plant of the Lincoln Motor Company, a division of the Ford Motor Company, will result in an expenditure of approximately U.S. \$600,000.

MOTORS AND EDUCATION.

Every day 42,000 motor-buses all over the United States are carrying 2,000,000 children to and from 17,000 schools. The services cost the States about \$8,000,000 annually. In the period of bus transportation growth, between 1918 and 1928, one-room rural schools diminished in number from 195,000 to 153,000 and consolidated schools increased from 5,000 to 17,000.

FIAT TYRES.

Many motorists are not quite certain what is the right thing to do when a tyre goes flat when travelling at a fairly fast speed. According to one authority the best procedure when a front tyre "goes" is to take a good grip of the steering wheel, lift the foot off the accelerator, and allow the compression of the engine to slow the vehicle up. Under no circumstances should the driver attempt to apply the brakes, until the car has virtually lost most of its momentum. Should a rear tyre go flat when travelling at high speed no attempt should be made to use the brakes; their use is likely to overturn the car. A firm grip of the steering wheel, immediate release of the accelerator pedal, and allow the engine compression to do the pulling up, is the safest procedure. Whether it be a front or back tyre that goes, do not de-clutch, as this cuts out the braking effect of the compression of the engine. When a driver suddenly runs on to a patch of loose gravel at high speed, and the vehicle commences to sway from side to side, the best thing to do is to lift the foot off the accelerator pedal and at the same time de-clutch. The latter action removes the source of twisting action of the driving shaft, which forces help to cause

CAR PRODUCTION.

Tell-Tale World Figures: Huge Decreases.

Facts and Figures of the Automobile Industry, published by the National Chamber of Commerce, U.S.A., shows that the year 1930 was one in which the world production of motor vehicles dropped greatly practically all over the world. The United States being the largest manufacturer suffered the greatest drop in figures, for whereas in 1929 the total production was 5,358,420 vehicles, in 1930 the number was 3,355,986. The output in Canada dropped from 263,295 to 154,192, in Britain from 238,805 to 170,000, in France from 263,000 to 220,000, and in Germany from 70,500 to 66,500. There was a big drop in Austria also, the figures being 8,900 and 2,970 respectively, while in Belgium production was reduced from 7,600 to 2,970. On the other hand, the output of Czechoslovakia increased from 14,740 to 16,900, and that of Sweden from 1,400 to 2,200.

Decreased Exports.
Among other countries whose output is very small indeed are Denmark, which manufactured 200 motor vehicles last year, as compared with 150 the previous year, and Spain, which in 1929 produced 330 vehicles and last year 300. The world production in 1929 was 6,287,558, and last year the total was 4,040,673. At the end of last year there were 35,603,000 motor vehicles in the world, an increase of 1.8 on the previous period, and of the total 74.4 were in the United States.

In sympathy with these figures the exports of motor vehicles from manufacturing countries also decreased. In 1929 the number of motor vehicles exported from the United States amounted to 733,818, and last year it was 405,716, while in respect of other countries the figures were as follows:—Canada, 101,711 and 44,553; Britain, 42,011 and 29,753; France, 49,025 and 31,158.

Here is a selection from many thousands of peculiar requests for information received and answered by the London headquarters of the Automobile Association, during the recent touring season.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.

What is the mean average temperature during the month of August at Biarritz?

What is the strength of the current of the Rhine at Godesburg?

Is Rugby played at Heidelberg?

Are passports necessary for a visit to Scotland?

What clothes must I wear for touring in Spain during the month of August, and are woollens necessary?

My dog has 'Blank' biscuits. Are these obtainable in France?

At what time does the sun set in South-Western Germany, Southern France and Southern Spain during the last week in September and the first in October?

What is the cost of running a car from London to India?

Should I wear a sun helmet in the Canary Isles?

What is the best powder to take with me to deal with vermin in the Balkan States?

From what seaside town in France did William the Conqueror set out?

Can I take a pet parrot with me into France and Italy?

What is the Republic of Andorra noted for?

Can I travel from Southend to a London suburb using arterial roads with wide grass verges? I wish to deliver a hunter.

Can you assist me in tracing my husband? I am a chauffeur living somewhere in London?

The away. A firm grip of the steering wheel is advisable, so as to hold the front wheels to a straight-ahead position, until the momentum of the vehicle drops and it is safe to lightly and intermittently apply the

DESERT TRIP.

Pioneers' 20,000 Miles to Monte Carlo Rally.

A leisurely expedition from Australia is now on its way across India to compete in the Monte Carlo rally in January.

There are six members of the party, Miss Jean Robertson, who brings with her mess-ges to the R.A.C. and A.A., Miss Joan Richmond, Mr. R. Beatson, Mr. Charles Coldham, Miss Kathleen Howell and Mr. J. P. S. Morice, and they are taking five and a half months to cover the 20,000 miles by sea and land or just about the rate of a wind-jammer back in the fifties of last century.

Their three cars, christened "Kookaburra," "Bell Bird," and "Wattle Bird" left Melbourne for Darwin in August and crossed to Java by boat. Another steamer brought them to Singapore whence they motored to Penang and went by sea to Calcutta. They have left Calcutta for Bombay, where they will ship to Bushire and so by road to Basra and across the desert to Cairo.

It is a trip de luxe. They have their evening dresses and dinner suits with them and they are putting up at hotels where hotels are to be found; where they are not, the women sleep under canvas and the men under the sky.

The cars—9 h.p. 4 cylinder Rileys on Dunlop tyres—have extra petrol tanks giving eleven gallons of fuel apiece and each

WILLYS RETURNS.

Optimistic Over Trade Revival.

New York, Nov. 25.

John N. Willys returned to the United States this week aboard the Europa for the first time since his appointment as Ambassador to Poland sixteen months ago. He revealed himself in an interview on arrival to be entirely optimistic of the early return of good business in the United States and of steady improvement in the European situation. He remained in New York this week and will spend next week in Washington conferring on matters of state. Following that his plans are indefinite but he hopes to remain in the United States until after the New York show.

Speaking particularly of Poland, Willys said it had not been much affected by the crisis in Germany. It is now carrying out a steady programme of public works, and with a strict policy of economy was keeping its financial position well in hand. While abroad he has kept in close touch with developments here. He urged American business to adopt a more optimistic spirit, saying the present pessimism was much exaggerated as the business attitude had been inflated previous to 1929.

carries a four gallon tank for water in dry countries.

This is the first time that an Australian team has entertained for the Monte Carlo Rally.

BUYERS' GUIDE

MOTOR CARS.

ARMSTRONG SIDDELEY.—Hongkong Hotel Garage, Queen's Road. Tel. 24769.

BUICK.—The Dragon Motor Car Co. Ltd., 33, Wong Nei Chung Road, Happy Valley. Tel. 30228.

CADILLAC.—Hongkong Hotel Garage, Queen's Road. Tel. 24769.

CHEVROLET.—Hongkong Hotel Garage, Queen's Road. Tel. 24769.

FIAT MOTOR CAR.—A Goake & Co., China Bldg., 7th floor. Tel. 22221.

MARQUETTE.—The Dragon Motor Car Co. Ltd., 33, Wong Nei Chung Road, Happy Valley. Tel. 30228.

MORRIS.—Hongkong Hotel Garage, Queen's Road. Tel. 24769.

OLDSMOBILE.—The Dragon Motor Car Co. Ltd., 33, Wong Nei Chung Road, Happy Valley. Tel. 30228.

ROLLS-ROYCE.—Hongkong Hotel Garage, Queen's Road. Tel. 24769.

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MOTOR CYCLES.

B.S.A.—The Sincere Co., Ltd., Des Voeux Road. Tel. 27767.

NORTON.—The Sincere Co., Ltd., Des Voeux Road C. Tel. 27767.

MOTOR OILS.

GARGOYLE MOBILE.—Vacuum Oil Company, King's Bldg.

SHELL.—Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S.C.), Ltd., Asiatic Bldg.

TYRES AND ACCESSORIES.

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ACCESSORIES.—The Duro Motor Co., Nathan Road, Kowloon. Tel. 5621.

FIAT TYRES.—Gliman & Co., Ltd., 4a, Des Voeux Rd. C. Tel. 28011.

INDIA TYRES.—W. R. Loxley Co., York Bldg., Tel. 22285.

MOHLEIN TYRES.—A Goake & Co., China Bldg., 7th floor. Tel. 22221.

PRESTOLITE BATTERIES.—Hongkong Hotel Garage, Queen's Road. Tel. 24769.

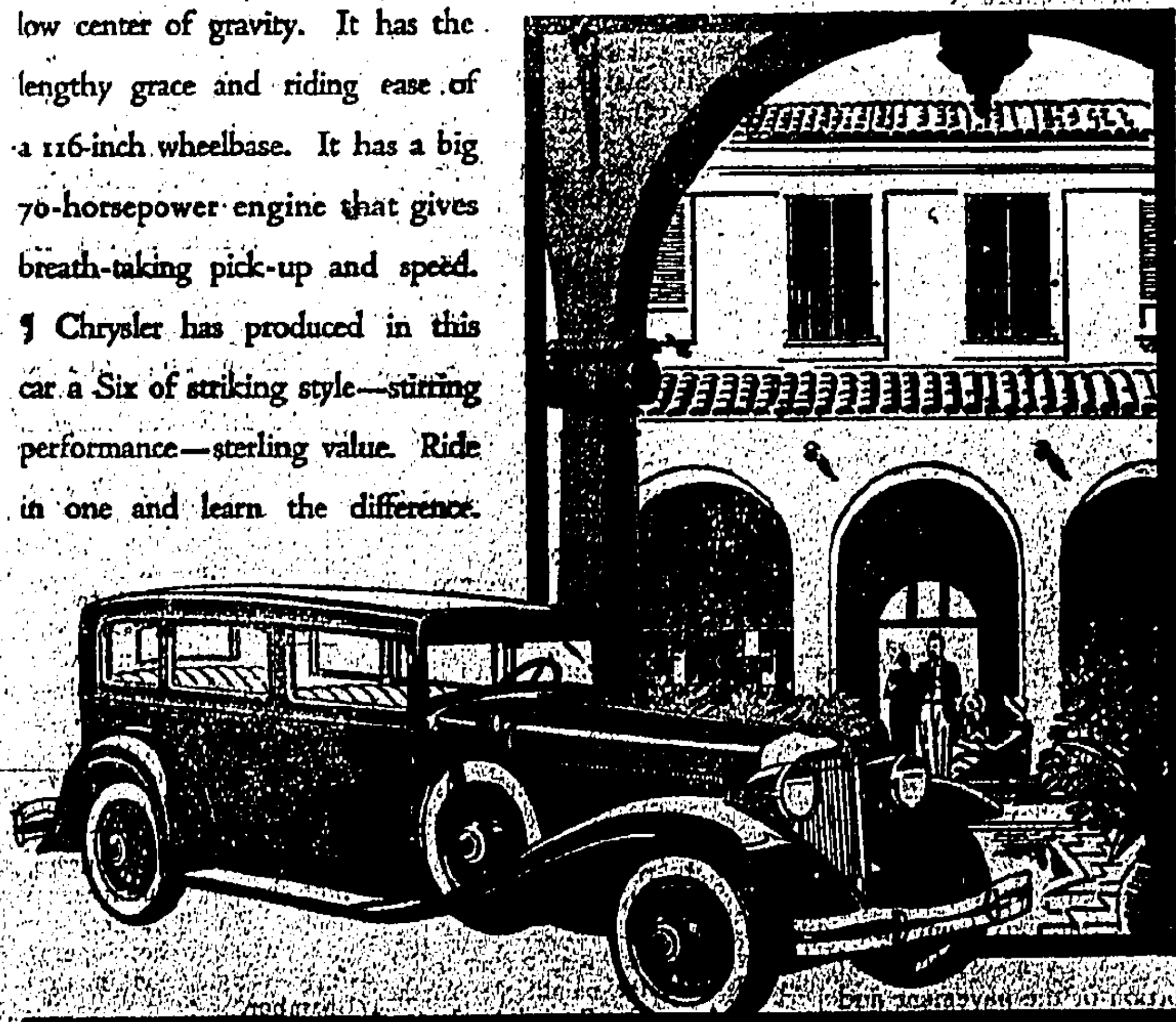
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THE NEW CHRYSLER SIX

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SALVAGED CARS.

Methods at the Ford Rouge Plant.

Dearborn, Mich.—Installation of a 400-ton furnace, hot metal mixers and a baling press capable of making furnace "sandwiches" put of salvaged automobiles at the rate of almost one a minute is under way at the Rouge Plant of the Ford Motor Company. These additions involve an expenditure estimated at \$500,000, and will increase the melting facilities of the open hearth equipment by 600 tons, bringing the total capacity to approximately 2,600 tons every 24 hours.

The new machinery will be used in providing scrap metal essential to the making of steel. For the past 20 months a portion of this scrap has been obtained by wrecking old automobiles of various sizes and makes which are purchased and delivered by the company dealers. The present method is to remove all materials of salvaging value, such as glass, leather and tyres, crush the chassis and slice the resulting wreckage to sizes suitable for admission to furnace doors. Here it is mixed with molten pig iron and refined into a high quality of steel. Under the new arrangement instead of crushing and shearing into bits it will be necessary to thrust the chassis into a powerful hydraulic press which will shape them into compact bales hardly larger than bales of hay, at the rate of approximately one per minute.

A conveyor will deposit the bales in charging boxes and the boxes be emptied into the new furnaces. Following the melting process the scrap steel will be transferred by crane-swing ladles to any of nine 100-ton open hearth furnaces stationed adjacent to it. There it subsequently will be joined by molten pig iron from the Rouge Plant blast furnaces.

Heretofore the molten pig when brought from the blast furnaces to the Open Hearth Building has been temporarily stored in a single "mixer" situated at the end of the furnace line. This mixer was recently removed and sent to England for installation at the Ford Motor Company of England's new manufacturing plant at Dagenham, near London. It is being replaced by two huge storage mixers of the barrel type, each of 300 tons capacity, equipped with the latest type of safety air return engines.

Two sets of double-beamed scales so finely adjusted as to weigh from a few pounds to 100 tons will support ladles into which molten metal will, as needed, be poured in measured amounts from the mixers. These ladles will then conduct the pig iron to the open hearth furnace to be refined with the molten scrap taken from the 400-ton furnace and other miscellaneous scrap into steel of the desired analyses and types.

Ford engineers point out that the installation of the giant furnace will lower the cost of operations by reducing the difficulties attendant upon the handling of scrap on the smaller scale now in practice.

Boilers with a combined capacity of more than 1,100 horse power will take advantage of the waste heat coming from the new furnace to generate steam which will be used in powering a thousand-ton shear operated to cut heavier types of scrap or be diverted to the main steam lines for general plant purposes. The new furnace is of the tilting type, weighs slightly less than 2,000,000 pounds and is equipped to be fired with gas, oil or tar.

AGED 97, HE DRIVES HIS OWN CAR.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Dusenberry, aged 97 and 91, have left home on a 1500-mile motor-car trip to Florida.

They have been making this trip to their winter home at Daytona Beach for more than 10 years, and Mr. Dusenberry always drives.

They never leave until after election day, for Mr. Dusenberry has not missed a vote since he cast his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln. They will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on New Year's Day.

"Two hundred miles a day is enough. The missus doesn't like it when I go over 25," said Mr. Dusenberry, looking for all his 97 years, as though he would enjoy a brisk encounter with a "speed cop."

PETROL ECONOMY.

Tests by Bureau of Science.

At present motorists are keener than ever before to obtain the utmost mileage from every gallon of petrol they buy. It is a repercussion of the times that the subject of petrol economy calls for very careful consideration, and the results of some recent investigations overseas are worthy of consideration by motor owners in general. A series of tests made by a Bureau of Science revealed that much petrol is wasted, due to the use of old spark plugs incapable of giving a properly intense ignition spark. It is well known that substantial power losses result from the use of plugs that have gone beyond their natural life of between 10,000 and 12,000 miles, but when lack of attention to tyre inflation pressure is included the effect is somewhat remarkable. Tests at the bureau showed that a car with its four tyres inflated to pressures 15 per cent. below normal, and with its engine fitted with spark plugs which had seen 12,000 miles service, gave a petrol consumption, performance 20 per cent. lower than when inflation pressure was brought up to normal and the plugs were replaced with new ones of the same make and type. Figures relating to the actual petrol mileage are not available, but the foregoing indicates that the improvement was equivalent to increasing the petrol consumption from, say, 20 miles per gallon to 25 miles which represents a big saving in 12 months' motoring.

AEROPLANE FOR CAR.

History was made in America recently when an aeroplane was traded in on a Duesenberg car. Aeroplanes being so costly, few dealers could find it possible to make such a trade, but the Duesenberg line of cars range in price up to \$516,000.

STANDARD "BIG NINE."

The Standard "Big Nine" is the larger of the two four-cylinder models introduced by the Standard Motor Company for 1932. Since this car was first introduced some years ago it has been undergoing a steady process of improvement and refinement, with the result that the car does not merely keep up with the fashion, but is rather ahead of it.

This undoubtedly is an attraction, when allied to the dependability secured from a good design which has proved its durability by time. The main characteristics of 1931 have been retained in the 1932 models, while considerable improvements and additions have been effected. The "Big Nine" is a car which meets the needs of the family man to-day, with a roomy, well-equipped four door body.

ULSTER GRAND PRIZ.

In the Ulster Grand Prix, S. Woods, who came in first in the 500 c.c. class and made the record lap at a speed of 89.67 m.p.h. rode on Dunlop tyres as did L. H. Davenport who was first in the 350 c.c. class. J. Guthrie who made the record lap of 83.29 m.p.h. in the latter class used the Dunlop waterproof saddles as well as Dunlop tyres. A. E. Perrige won the Motor Cycle Trophy for the best performance in the West of England Trial on a B.S.A. machine fitted with Dunlop saddle and tyres. The Hosking Trophy for the best performance in the opposite class was won by W. G. Waycott on a Rudge.

MUST EXCEED 40 M.P.H.

After a month's trial, a minimum speed limit of 40 miles per hour, enforced on a highway near Indianapolis, U.S.A., has been voted a complete success. It is enforced on Sundays only, and the police hunt any slow-moving car on to side roads.

AMAZING FIGURES.

How the Car Trade Has Grown.

When the history of the present generation is written one of the most striking things that will go on record will be the remarkable growth of the use of the automobile and its far-reaching effects on civilisation.

Nona but a visionary would 15 years ago have had the temerity even to suggest that the day was not far ahead when one of the world's largest nations would disburse nearly 20 per cent. of its annual expenditure per medium of retail establishments on automobiles or automobile necessities. Yet this is exactly what has happened in the United States.

Statistics recently issued by the U.S.A. Department of Commerce disclose some interesting figures as to how America's 120 million of people annually disburse the major portion of their incomes. It is stated that there are 1,549,168 retail outlets for every description of merchandise in U.S.A., with an annual turnover of approximately 10,000 million pounds, equal to an annual per capita expenditure of \$84 17s. 9d.

Careful and intensive research has shown that out of the per capita expenditure mentioned \$19 3s. 9d. is spent yearly on food, \$16 14s. 0d. on automobiles, \$12 2s. 9d. on general merchandise, \$7 6s. 3d. on apparel, \$6 3s. 3d. on buildings, \$3 17s. 6d. on furniture and household effects, \$2 1s. 9d. on farm implements, farmers' supplies, etc., 18s. 3d. on jewellery, 18s. 3d. on radio and 14s. on tobacco.

Amazing Figures.

These figures are, of course, based on every man, woman, and child in U.S.A. It is of interest to compare the relative expenditure on automobiles and radio, the former being \$16 14s. 0d., as against 18s. 3d. spent annually on wireless.

The amazing part that motoring activities now play in the life of the American nation is strikingly told in the fact that, next to food, the greatest expenditure is on automobiles. All told, the 253,392 outlets for automobiles and their accessories annually sell over \$1,909,000,000 worth of products, as against food sales totalling \$2,260,000,000 by 497,715 stores.

The percentage of food sales in retail stores for the nation is 22.6 per cent., while the percentage of expenditure on automobiles is 19.08 per cent. of total retail sales.

It is interesting to note that the 124,000 petrol filling stations in U.S.A. do a business of nearly \$200,000,000 annually, whereas 135,600 restaurants and eating-houses have a turnover of \$119,000,000. These figures are indeed striking, and, in a lesser degree, apply to-day throughout the world, because motor transportation is one of the key activities in modern life.

COMMEMORATION RUN.

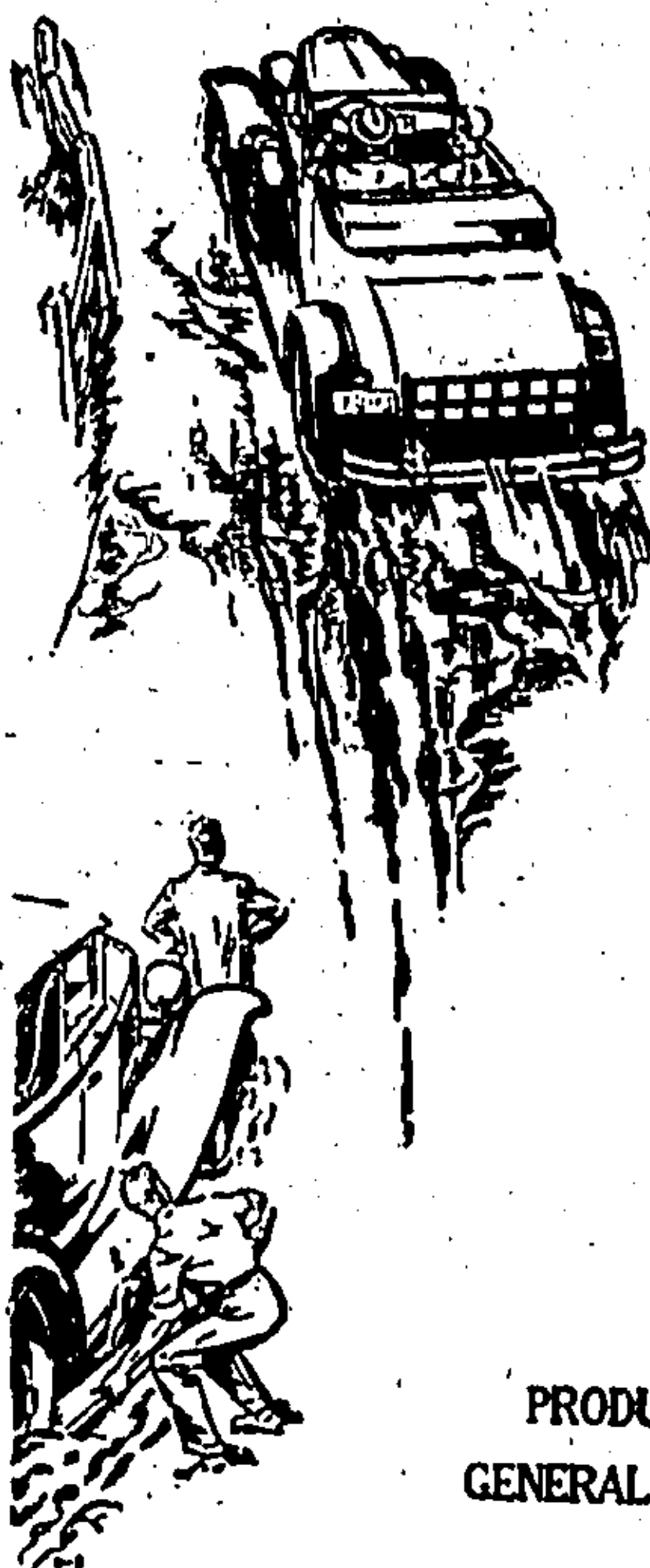
Veteran Cars On Brighton Road.

Fifty-seven veteran motor-cars took part in a run to Brighton, in celebration of the emancipation of the motorist from the era of the red flag and speed limit of two miles per hour.

Many of the drivers wore clothes which were the height of fashion at the beginning of the century. The record for age was held by a car built in 1894.

Mrs. R. S. Shuttleworth, of Bingley, whose son owns ten veteran cars and had three entered in the run, spent over seven hours on the trip, and for her Spartan coxing of her thirty-one years old car to the finishing garage was given a special certificate by the R.A.C. although she arrived fifteen minutes late. Her son was one of the lucky 42 who finished within the allotted time.

A 1903 car, still capable of sixty miles an hour, entered by Mr. A. H. R. Fadden, was the first to reach Brighton at 11.37 a.m. A moment afterwards a 1904 car, which for three years was "parked" in an orchard, arrived with Mr. F. Randall at the wheel. Mr. F. C. White's White Steamer burst into flames while the car was being prepared in the garage. After a few moments of anxiety for other cars near the flames were subdued, but the car was unfit to take part in the run.



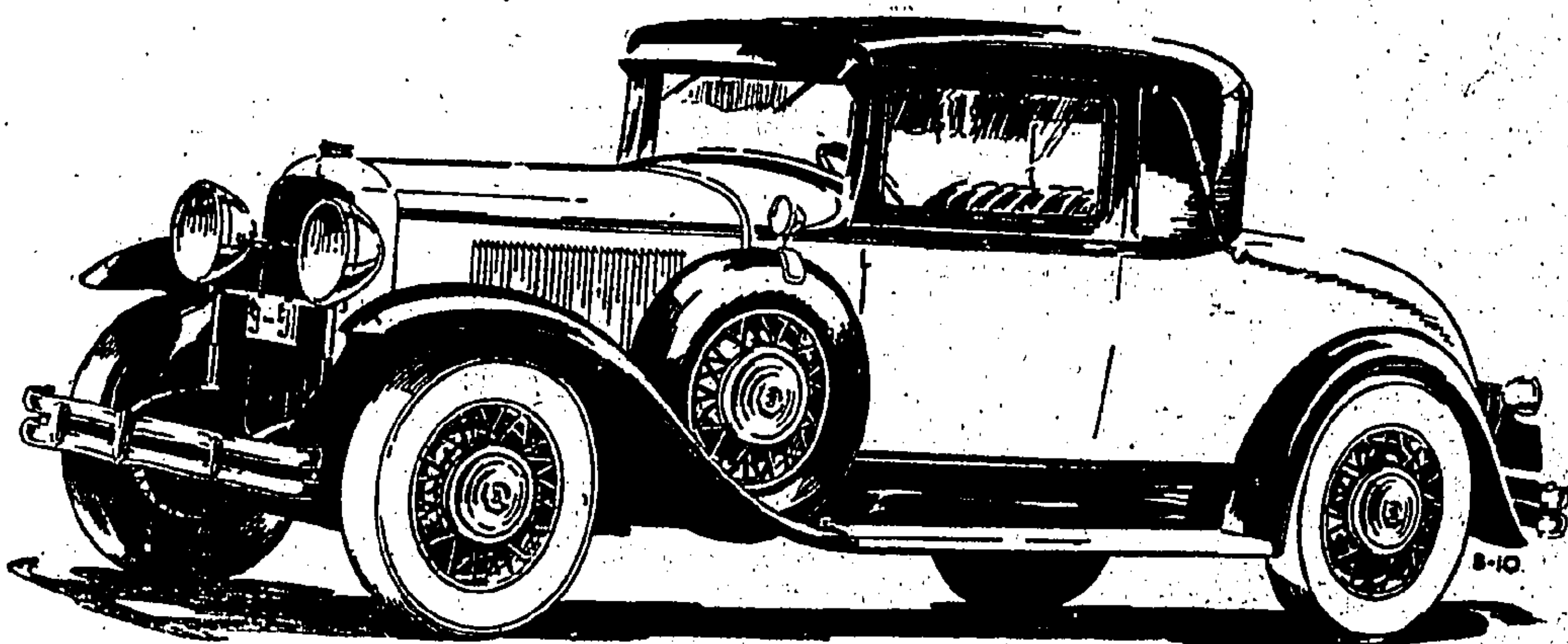
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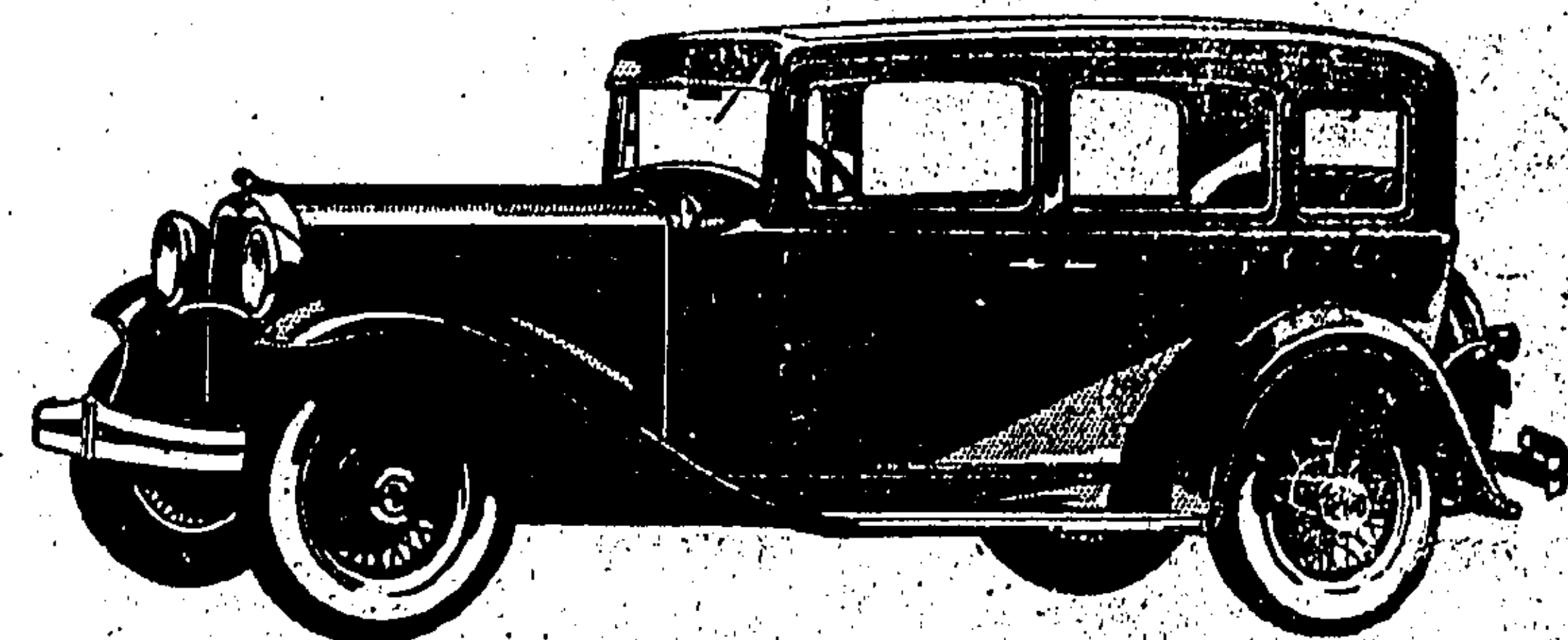
Sir Malcolm Campbell's Views.

According to Captain Sir Malcolm Campbell, who is motoring editor of The Field, the automobile industry gains enormously from the lessons learned by Britain's aeroplane manufacturers.

"Weight means so much in the air," said the famous motorist, "but at the same time strength must not be sacrificed at any cost. We find now that the latest metals employed in aeroplane work give the necessary strength with the minimum of weight, and already this practice is being employed in modern car construction."

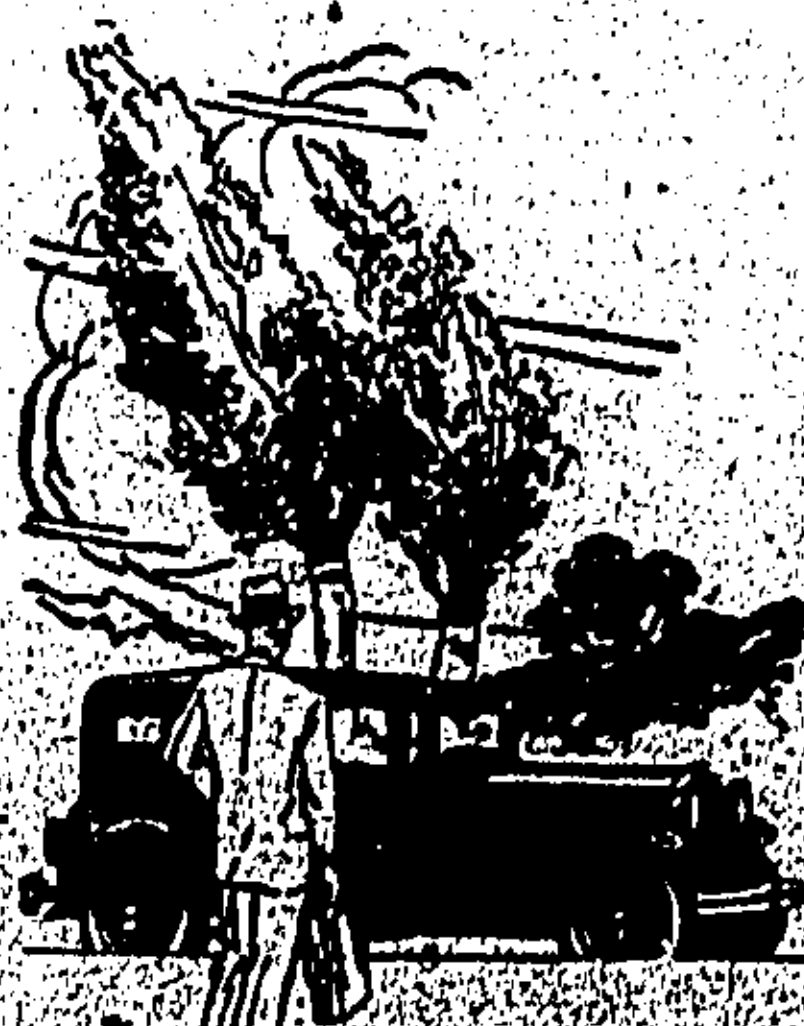
"We find that the modern car has aluminium cylinders with cast iron liners, also in many cases aluminium connecting rods are now being used instead of steel, and all this means a great saving in weight. I venture to predict that the future will see our large cars weighing 15 cwt. to 20 cwt. at the outside, instead of the present 35 cwt. to 2 tons, and that the baby-type of vehicle will turn the scale at under 5 cwt."

"This reduction in weight will mean a saving in prime cost, a great reduction in running costs, as well as a far more efficient all-round performance, power to weight ratio being the determining factor. It does not necessarily mean that because a car is light that it will not hold the road when driven at high speeds, and to prove this I have only to point out that the modern racing car that is capable of achieving speeds of anything between 115 to 130 m.p.h. weighs something in the region of 15 cwt."



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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

NEW BRIGHTON WIN AT HOME.

Stockport Lose by Odd Goal in Three.

THIRD DIVISION RESULT.

London, Yesterday. In the Northern Section of the Third Division of the English League New Brighton defeated Stockport by two goals to one.—Reuter.

BRILLIANT HOCKEY AT U.S.R.C.

Club Score Five Goals Against S.W.B.

JOHNSON'S SPECTACULAR GAOL.

Followers of hockey were awarded a fast and sporting match on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon, when the Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI defeated the South Wales Borderers by five goals to one. Although heavily defeated, the Borderers were by no means disgraced, for never, at any stage of the game, were they outplayed by the Club. Seizure of opportunities when in front of goal gained for the Club their victory.

When play opened, the Club fielded only ten men, F. Allen, of the Police, going in goal until the arrival of G. Duncan. It was during this period that the Borderers pressed hard, and Pte. Johnson, their centre-forward, coming close in had the misfortune to fall over, but he scored a magnificent goal, when lying full length on the ground.

Exchanges were fairly even, until Francis accepting a pass in midfield, dribbled past the soldiers' defence to score the equaliser with a fast shot. Shortly after, Owen Hughes, receiving a pass in the circle, made no mistake with his shot to give the Club the lead. Toward the interval Tetley scored the Club's third goal from a rebound.

The Borderers had hard luck on several occasions in not scoring, and on one of these there was a general melee in front of the Club's goal, but Duncan had the ball well secured between his feet with three of the S.W.B. forwards hacking at it much to the amusement of the spectators and the players!

After the change-over, play became even faster. In the Club's defence, the Reed brothers were doing clever work, whilst Rodger was playing a sterling game at back. The Club's forward line combination was excellent, and the understanding between Owen Hughes and Divett, on the right, was remarkable. On one occasion, Divett broke through, and just missed with a scoop shot. The Club continued to be the aggressors, and Francis sent in a stinger which the Borderers' goalkeeper saved, but from the rebound, Evans scored. Each goal was raised in rapid succession, and toward the end, when the light began to fail, Francis scored the Club's fifth goal, from a pass from Owen Hughes.

The game was very good, and produced many clever movements. In a forward line that combined well, there was real fire to choose between the Club men, although Tetley on the left wing was not so impressive. The Reed brothers, in the half-back line with Dand, played a sparkling game, whilst Rodger was choice of the backs.

Good combination was also a feature of the play of the Borderers' forwards, but they did not seize their opportunities. Their defence was steady, and rendered strong support to the forwards.

Result: Club 5, Borderers 1.
Club: G. Duncan, W. Woodward, J. Rodger, A. Reed, A. Tetley, Dand, E. Evans, A. Owen, Hughes, G. E. Divett, C. C. Francis, D. Tetley, Evans, and J. Dand.

BRITISH TENNIS TOUR.

Strong Team for West Indies.

PERRY AND HUGHES.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday. One of the strongest lawn tennis teams will leave England on January 19 to make a six-week tour of the West Indies. The team will comprise: Miss Nuthall, Mrs. Whittinghall, Mr. Perry, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Lester.

Our Sports Diary:

CRICKET—To-morrow—University Past v. Present; Hong Kong C.C. v. Navy.

Saturday—University v. Royal Artillery (L); H.K.C.C. v. Navy; K.C.C. v. Army; Second Division—C.S.C.C. v. Police (L); Borderers v. University.

Sunday—K.C.C. v. Army (2nd Day).

HOCKEY—To-day—University v. Radio Sports at 5 p.m.; St. Andrew's v. Y.M.C.A.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Services v. Civilians on Club ground at 3.30 p.m.

Saturday—Chinese League—Yee Woo v. Sung Ching; Eastern v. South China "B"; Chinese Athletic "A" v. Chinese Athletic "B".

GOLF—To-morrow to Sunday—R.H.K.G.C. New Year Meet.

Sunday—Completion of First Round of Captain's Cup at Fanling; Entries close for the Junior Championship.

ATHLETICS—To-morrow—Kowloon C.C. Children's Sports.

STEEL-CHASING—To-morrow and Sunday—Fanning Hunt & Race Club at Kwanti.

MERRITT MAY VISIT LANCASHIRE.

Permission Awaited.

Tom Lowry, captain of the New Zealand cricket team which reached Wellington from England recently, stated that W. E. Merritt had a tentative agreement with a Lancashire League club, subject to ratification by the New Zealand Council.

Merritt was a member of the New Zealand team which toured England in the early part of this year. He had a quite successful time in most of their fixtures.

AN ALL-IN WRESTLING MYSTERY.

Infectious Disease?

George Godfrey, the giant American negro boxer, who turned his attention to all-in wrestling a little while ago, is critically ill from a mysterious infection of the arm which followed a wrestling bout with Reaper.

Stanley Stasiak, the Polish wrestler, contracted a similar infection of the arm, which proved fatal after a bout, also with Reaper.

GOLF.

Starting Times for To-Morrow.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for the Old Course in Fanling to-morrow:

9.15-9.20 a.m.—Not to be booked by those travelling by 8.25 a.m. train.

9.24 a.m.—H. H. Gears, L. J. Andrews, D. E. C. Martin, E. O. Priestley.

9.32 a.m.—H. R. Smith, A. D. Brown, A. J. Somerville, G. W. Small.

9.40 a.m.—The first two teams of the Old Course match will start at 9.40 a.m. and the last two at 9.45 a.m.

AMUSING BOXING STORY.

Political Speeches Made in Programme.

MOSCOW SPORT.

An inter-city boxing tournament was recently staged at Moscow, under auspices of the physical culture sections of the trade-unions, with Moscow, Leningrad, Rostov, Tiflis and other urban centres represented.

Being the first time in several years that a pugilistic show was permitted in the capital with official blessings it attracted considerable attention. The fighting, principally by light and featherweights, was of amateur quality and the proletarian audiences were obviously disappointed.

The revival of this sport, however, is significant. Boxing was quite popular some years ago but gradually fell into disrepute as a "bourgeois sport." Soviet leaders preferred to emphasize team work and mass games rather than contests between two people.

The tournament was spread over several evenings, the first of them at the clubhouse of the Triangle textile factory. Certainly there was nothing in the performance that resembled a similar occasion abroad. Even in boxing the emphasis was upon political slogans rather than pugilism.

Some 600 men and women, most of them in their grimy working clothes, filled the clubhouse theatre, the stage of which served as a ring. Before the fighters came on the audience was obliged to sit through a series of long political speeches. Under the general head of prize-fighting the speakers managed to drag in the Five-year Plan, the last economic commandments of Stalin, the capitalist depression, etc. One of the speakers contrasted capitalist boxing with the Soviet brand. Whereas the former is interested in championships and profits, he said, the latter prepares fighters for the Five-year Plan and against the enemies of the socialist fatherland.

"We came to see boxing matches not to hear lectures" dozens of the spectators finally began to shout.

The cry was emphasized by hisses and whistling. This indeed was the only excitement during the evening. The boxing was mild and bloodless, the audience cool as cucumbers. Six bouts of 3 rounds each completed the evening's programme.—United Press.

FOOTBALL MATCH IN GAOL.

Naval Men Beaten by Convicts.

Sing Sing prison's football team, which beat the Oasining Naval Militia by 38 goals to nil in its first game against "outsiders," thus aiding the New York Unemployment Relief Fund to the extent of \$50, aspires to play against crack college football teams. Two thousand inmates cheered from the side lines in the prison courtyard.

Five hundred residents of Oasining were permitted to pay for admission, after they had been searched for concealed weapons. The opposing team had no chance against the prison-toughened players, who had been warned in advance not to "slug" in scrimmages.

Only two of the naval militia men were carried off the field on stretchers, and Warden Lawes praised the game as the cleanest he had ever witnessed. The prison band played the team on to the field, and Joan Marie Lawes, the warden's 10-year-old daughter, joined the procession astride a donkey which was painted with black and white stripes to resemble a zebra.

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Fixtures.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Bolton W.	v.	Chelsea
M'chester C.	v.	Pertmouth
Newcastle	v.	Aston Villa
Sheffield U.	v.	Blackburn R.
Sunderland	v.	Derby C.

Second Division.

Bury	v.	Plymouth A.
Chesterfield	v.	Burnley

Third Division (North).

Accrington-	v.	Lincoln C.
Carlisle U.	v.	Tranmere R.
Darlington	v.	New Brighton
Gateshead	v.	Halifax T.
Southport	v.	York City

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Airdrieonians	v.	Falkirk
Ayr U.	v.	Queen's P.R.
Celtic	v.	Rangers
Cowdenbeath	v.	Dundee U.
Dundee	v.	Aberdeen
Hearts	v.	Leith Ath.
Motherwell	v.	Hamilton A.
Partick T.	v.	Clyde
St. Mirren	v.	Kilmarnock
Third Lanark	v.	Morton

Saturday's Games.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Birmingham	v.	Everton
Chelsea	v.	Middlesbrough
Derby C.	v.	Blackpool
Grimsby T.	v.	Huddersfield
Leicester C.	v.	Aston Villa
Liverpool	v.	Newcastle
Pertmouth	v.	Sheffield U.
Wednesday	v.	Blackburn R.
Sunderland	v.	Manchester C.
West Brom.	v.	Arsenal
West Ham	v.	Bolton W.

Second Division.

Bradford C.	v.	Barnsley
Burnley	v.	Southampton
Bury	v.	Bristol C.
Chesterfield	v.	Stoke C.
Leeds U.	v.	Swansea T.
M'chester U.	v.	Bradford
Millwall	v.	Notts County
Notts Forest	v.	Charlton A.
Port Vale	v.	Plymouth A.
Preston N.E.	v.	Oldham A.
Tottenham	v.	Wolves

Third Division (South).

Bristol R.	v.	Bournemouth
Gateshead	v.	Northampton
Clapton O.	v.	Watford
Coventry C.	v.	Fulham
Exeter C.	v.	Thames
Gillingham	v.	Southend U.
Luton T.	v.	Reading
Norwich C.	v.	Brighton
Queen's P.R.	v.	Brentford
Swindon	v.	Mansfield
Torquay	v.	Crystal Pal.

Third Division (North).

Accrington	v.	Rochdale
Carlisle U.	v.	Hartlepool
Darlington	v.	Lincoln C.
Gateshead	v.	New Brighton
Halifax T.	v.	Hull City
Rotherham	v.	Southport
Stockport C.	v.	Doncaster R.
Tranmere R.	v.	York City
Walsall	v.	Barrow
Wrexham	v.	Crews A.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Aberdeen	v.	Hearts
Clyde	v.	Third Lanark
Dundee U.	v.	Dundee
Falkirk	v.	Motherwell
Hamilton A.	v.	Airdrieonians
Kilmarnock	v.	Ayr United
Leith Ath.	v.	Cowdenbeath
Morton	v.	St. Mirren
Queen's P.R.	v.	Celtic
Rangers	v.	Partick T.

CHARITY FOOTBALL TO-MORROW.

The Charity Football match on the Club ground to-morrow in aid of Earl Haig's Fund will be attended by His Excellency, the Governor, the Commander-in-Chief and Major-General Sandilands. It should be a fine struggle as the Combined Services are capable of placing a formidable side in the field whilst the Rest of the Colony is, practically speaking, an interport eleven. Music before the game and during the interval will be provided by the band of H.M. Ships.

ENGLISH LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

First Division.

HOME											AWAY											Total	
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goals	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.	Pts.
Everton	10	10	1	0	51	18	12	6	5	1	27	24	13	31	12	6	5	1	27	24	13	31	31
West Bromwich	11	6	2	3	24	7	15	12	5	5	2	17	17	12	27	12	27	12	27	12	27	12	27
Arsenal	10	4	2	4	21	11	12	12	6	4	2	29	21	14	26	12	26	12	26	12	26	12	26
Liverpool	12	8	1	3	37	21	19	10	3	6	1	9	22	7	25	10	25	10	25	10	25	10	25
Sheffield U.	11	7	3	1	30	17	15	11	5	3	1	23	21	11	26	11	26	11	26	11	26	11	26
Newcastle	10	8	1	1	28	12	17	11	4	6	1	17	16	14	26	11	26	11	26	11	26	11	26
Aston Villa	11	9	2	0	40	17	18	10	2	4	4	19	19	9	26	11	26	11	26	11	26	11	26
Huddersfield T.	12	6	1	5	23	10	17	10	3	6	1	12	21	7	24	10	24	10	24	10	24	10	24
Wednesday	11	7	1	3	31	12	17	11	3	7	1	20	33	7	24	11	24	11	24	11	24	11	24
Birmingham	11	7	1	3	31	12	17	11	3	7	1	20	33	7	24	11	24	11	24	11	24	11	24
Bolton W.	11	9	2	0	26	12	17	11	3	7	1	17	25	7	24	11	24	11	24	11	24	11	24
Middlesbrough	11	6	3	2	26	18	14	11	1	7	3	12	30	5	23	11	23	11	23	11	23	11	23
Blackburn R.	12	6	4	2	33	28	14	10	2	6	3	16	34	7	21	10	21	10	21	10	21	10	21
Pertmouth	11	6	4	1	13	14	13	9	2	5	2	10	17	6	19	9	19	9	19	9	19	9	19
West Ham U.	11	5	4	2	20	20	12	11	3	7	1	15	33	7	19	11	19	11	19	11	19	11	19
Chelsea	10	6	4	0	21	18	12	12	3	8	1	17	31	7	19	12	19	12	19	12	19	12	19
Leicester City	11	6	4	1	27	16	11	10	2	7	1	13	30	5	18	10	18	10	18	10	18	10	18
Manchester C.	10	4	3	3	30	16	11	12	1	6	5	10	23	7	17	12	17	12	17	12	17	12	17
Sunderland	10	4	4	2	19	18	11	12	1	6	5	10	23	7	17	12	17	12	17	12	17	12	17
Derby C.	11	7	2	2	27	14	16	11	0	10	1	9	33	1	17	11	17	11	17	11	17	11	17
Blackpool	12	5	5	2	23	25	12	10	1	8	1	10	35	3	15	10	15	10	15	10	15	10	15
Grimsby T.	11	5	5	1	17	14	11	11	1	9	1	16	39	3	14	11	14	11	14	11	14	11	14

Second Division.

HOME.											AWAY.												
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals	F.	A.	Pts.		P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals	F.	A.	Pts.	Total	Total				
Leeds United	10	6	2	2	20	9	14		12	8	2	2	2	29	15	18	32	12	32				
Wolverhampton	12	10	1	1	43	7	21		10	4	3	3	3	25	17	11	32	10	32				
Plymouth A.	11	6	2	3	32	31	15		10	5	2	3	3	15	17	13	28	11	28				
Bradford	13	11	1	1	30	8	23		11	3	6	3	3	13	20	5	28	11	28				
Stoke City	11	8	0	3	28	9	19		11	3	6	3	3	13	20	5	28	11	28				
Bury	10	7	2	1	29	12	15		11	5	4	2	2	18	22	12	24	12	24				
Southampton	10	6	2	2	25	11	14		12	3	5	4	1	21	26	10	24	12	24				
Millwall	11	6	4	1	18	18	13		11	4	6	1	1	17	27	9	22	11	22				
Tottenham H.	12	6	4	2	37	25	14		11	3	6	2	12	20	8	22	11	22					
Notts Forest	12	5	3	4	22	16	11		10	2	6	3	3	14	19	7	21	11	21				
Burnley	10	3	2	5	19	19	11		11	4	6	1	12	24	9	20	10	20					
Bradford C.	9	4	2	3	24	16	11		12	3	7	0	1	12	24	9	20	10	20				
Swansea T.	10	6	4	0	24	13	12		12	3	6	3	3	19	28	9	20	10	20				
Barnsley	11	5	3	3	18	13	13		10	3	8	1	16	27	7	19	10	19					
Port Vale	11	4	5	2	15	21	10		10	3	7	0	10	23	6	19	10	19					
Manchester U.	12	5	4	3	23	12	13		11	3	7	0	12	26	34	8	18	11	18				
Oldham A.	11	4	5	2	22	12	12		10	2	7	1	13	26	26	6	19	10	19				
Preston N.E.	10	6	1	3	17	12	15		11	1	6	4	4	20	23	6	18	11	18				
Chesterfield	10	5	4	1	20	18	11		12	0	9	3	10	37	3	19	10	19					
Charlton A.	10	3	5	2	16	19	8		11	2	6	3	12	30	7	14	11	14					
Bristol C.	12	2	6	4	13	19	8		10	1	7	2	11	28	6	17	10	17					

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Exit 1931!

To-night the curtain will fall on the year Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-One.

Except for buoyant youth, mental stocktaking will begin before, at, or after midnight. The end of another year: another step toward the realisation or defeat of our lives' ambitions and dreams: another year's march toward that bourne to which all mankind is destined.

As a Colony we can likewise follow the example of the individual and recall all the good things and all the ill things that have featured the history of the past twelve months. Let us not judge our balance sheet by mere material things such as surplus assets in the Treasury, losses in exchange, heavier imposts and levies to help to balance the Budget.

Let us, rather, glance at those things that make for the uplift of the Colony: those efforts that have been made toward making of Hong Kong a better and a brighter place in which to live: those efforts toward proving that we are worthy of our glorious heritage as a link of Empire and worthy, also, of all that was done in the years of Auld Lang Syne by the little band of pioneers of this now great British Possession.

Critics are ever wont to complain of the lack of foresight on the part of earlier administrations in respect of public amenities, forgetful, may be, that they acted according to their lights for the public weal. The sciences of public health, hygiene, sanitation, water supply, and so forth, have made almost phenomenal advances even in the last year.

Such advances could not be made by the unaided efforts of the administration of that period. It was the result of the combined efforts of the public and the administration.

the administrators of 1931 — were they alive in 1936 — might have reason to protest against criticisms of their regime were such to be published a quarter of a century hence.

But the record of public service in the Colony during 1931 is by no means a doleful one. In the prevailing spirit of goodwill, credit will readily be given where credit is due, alike to the administration and the numerous public organisations identified with movements for the welfare and progress of the whole Colony.

The most hardened cynic must admit that every effort made leaves Hong Kong a better and brighter place than it was 365 days ago and that the prospects for the ensuing year are rosy in the extreme. There is much greater evidence of that civic spirit that can do so much for the entire community. Indeed community service is continually enlisting recruits of all classes and races, each and all anxious to assist in the development of what our American cousins would term a real "worthwhile Colony" — a source of pride to governors and governed and to all who are proud to be even humble units in the great British Empire.

With optimism the prevailing note on this last day of 1931 we can with every justification wish, in confidence, all our readers:

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From Other Pens

Tear High and Low.
Inviting friends to tea instead of dinner, which is one of the methods being adopted by "society folk" to make a cut in the hospitality bill, is not altogether a new idea. For Lady George's Club recorded that in her girlhood, ninety years ago, her father adopted a similar expedient for similar reasons. She was invited to a dinner at which she was to be the guest of honor. Her father, who was a very successful man, was asked to give a speech. He did so, and was very successful. The dinner was a success. The next day, however, the father was found to be very ill. He died. The dinner was a success. The next day, however, the father was found to be very ill. He died.

ed to have been the invention of Anna Marie Stanhope, wife of the seventh Duke of Bedford, who died at an advanced age in 1887. She made tea parties the vogue in the late forties, but evidently they failed to please all tastes, for Sir Algernon West recorded his memory of them as "dreary functions."

The distinctions between "high tea," "tea" (without qualification), and "afternoon tea" are here fairly well understood, but they frankly puzzled a young German student in Britain who for a time never knew what to expect in the way of establishments when invited out by her British friends. At last, however, the difference became clear-cut in her mind, and, writing home to her parents in the Fatherland, she told them that "high tea" meant not quite so much, while "afternoon tea" was just a piece of thin bread and butter and a bit of cake. — Manchester Guardian.

The 1932 Model.

The following from Peter Simple's column in the London Morning Post is about the best of its kind we have ever come across. It is too good to keep to oneself, and therefore we pass it on to readers:—

To-morrow, so to speak, the nation will take delivery of its 1932 model, super-charged, and highly finished National Parliament. I hope that the Prime Minister will drive it carefully for the first five hundred hours, as its useful life will thus be greatly prolonged. One of its outstanding features is the reduction of Opposition friction to a minimum, which should enable it to attain high speeds. Cost of upkeep and running is no higher than that of previous models and this one should cost its owner less in "incidentals."

As it is fitted with a self-charging policy, the chauffeur will have a free hand on difficult and crowded roads. The patent "Lansbury" exhaust-valves are (more or less) totally enclosed, which should make for comparatively silent running.

News in Brief.

According to a report made to the Police a Portuguese, F. A. Aquino, aged 38, has been missing from the Mental Hospital since 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended December 12 amounted to 119,182 metric tons, and the sales to 125,469 metric tons.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, votes totaling more than \$1,300,000 were approved, particulars of which were published in yesterday's China Mail.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 63 degrees as compared with 68 degrees on Tuesday. The humidity at 10 a.m. yesterday was 72 and at 4 p.m. only 69, compared with 88 and 78, respectively, on Tuesday.

Under the pretext that they had a present for the occupier of the house, four men were admitted to the first floor of 18, Upper Lascar Row, yesterday. They produced daggers and, after blinding and gagging the inmates, stole valuables amounting to \$35.

The Royal Navy Dockyard authorities yesterday sent Yee Kuei (88), of 17, Kwong Ming Street, to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from wounds to the forehead and upper lip. Yee Kuei alleges that whilst at work on board H.M.S. "Suffolk" at the dockyard he was assaulted by a sailor.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, at the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday, commented on the Government's failure to publish the report of the Government Commission. He expressed the opinion that the report was "very much overdone" and that there was a "great deal of waste" in the report. He also mentioned that the report was "very much overdone" and that there was a "great deal of waste" in the report.

The Radio Service Station, 51 Bonham Strand, has issued a convenient chart showing the time of day at any place in the world at a glance.

The 9 o'clock time signal will be repeated on the Observatory Wireless, Mast at midnight to-night. The last signal will indicate the close of 1931.

Suffering from crushed toes, as the result, it is alleged, of being run by a hand-truck at Stavelly Street, a girl, Kwan Ngai-ku, (6), was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday for treatment.

Personal Pars.

The forthcoming marriages are announced of Joseph Vincent Panizzi, salesman, of 1, Kent Road, Kowloon Tong, and Marjory May Martin, of 74a, Nathan Road, Kowloon; and of George Frost, civil servant, of 16, Hankow Road, Kowloon, and Curtis Eva Curtis, of Savarid House, Kowloon.

The funeral of Mrs. Kan Au-tze, mother of Mr. Kan Hung-chao, of the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, who died some weeks ago at her residence in Happy Valley, took place yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Kan Au-tze, who was 80 years of age, is survived by her son and grandsons and six great-grandsons.

Dr. John Archibald Venn and his wife are staying at the Repulse Bay Hotel. A fellow and junior Bursar of Queen's College, Cambridge, Dr. Venn is a University (Gibbey) lecturer in the history and economics of agriculture. A keen lawn tennis player, Dr. Venn has secured his County colours and was Secretary of the Cambridgeshire Lawn Tennis Association from 1908 to 1914. He is also interested in archaeology, ornithology, and motoring.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank wire—	1/5 1/2
Bank on demand—	1/5 5/16
Bank 4 months sight—	1/5 7/16
Credit 4 months—	1/6 1/2
Documentary 4 months—	1/6 1/2
On Paris—	
On demand—	620
Credit 4 months—	690
On Berlin—	
On demand—	Nom.
On New York—	
On demand—	24 1/2
Credit 60 days sight—	25 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire—	95
On demand—	95
On Calcutta—	
Wire—	95
On demand—	95
On Shanghai—	
On demand—	6 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand—	49
On Hong Kong—	
On demand—	7 1/2
Dollar—	2 1/2
On Yokohama—	
On demand—	65 nom.
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)—	1/8 1/2
Silver (per oz.)—	20
Bar Silver in Hong Kong—	Nom.
Copper Cash—	Nom.
Copper Cents—	1 1/2
Rates of Native Interest—	8 1/2 p.c.
Chinese Sub. Coin—	2 1/2 p.c.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin—	2 1/2 p.c.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Paris—	88 1/2
New York—	135 1/2
Brussels—	24 1/2
Montreal—	14 1/2
Geneva—	17 1/2
Amsterdam—	9 1/2
Milan—	48 1/2
Berlin—	14 1/2
Stockholm—	17 1/2
Copenhagen—	18 1/2
Oslo—	18 1/2
Vladivostok—	28 1/2
Prague—	11 1/2
Helsingfors—	24 1/2
Madrid—	40 1/2
Lisbon—	18 1/2
Athens—	28 1/2
Montevideo—	5 1/2
Buenos Aires—	18 1/2
Santiago—	18 1/2
Valparaiso—	18 1/2
Sao Paulo—	18 1/2
Rio de Janeiro—	18 1/2
Porto Alegre—	18 1/2
Montevideo—	18 1/2
Buenos Aires—	18 1/2
Santiago—	18 1/2
Valparaiso—	18 1/2
Sao Paulo—	18 1/2
Rio de Janeiro—	18 1/2
Porto Alegre—	18 1/2

CARSTAIRS' DEATH INQUIRY.

An Open Verdict.

The inquiry into circumstances attending the death last May of Douglas G. Carstairs was concluded yesterday. The jury returned an open verdict—"We find that Mr. Carstairs died from a stab wound in the abdomen. There is no evidence to show the author of the wound, and we, therefore, return an open verdict."

THE INDOMITABLE EAST END NIPPER.

"Here is a delightful character sketch of the East London nipper by one of our Medical Officers of Health. He is writing of a drab street:—

"Some children were sprawling in the dirt on the pavement with their heads just beyond the kerb, after a heavy shower watching 'ships' that pass in the gutter, stray pieces of vegetable debris, dirt-litter pits of paper, carried off by the downpour."

"Glorified Ecstasy." "The score was made by the child who first saw the ship, and was thereby entitled to be its captain and to convey it safely with his fingers beyond the posts of observation."

"That's mine." "No it ain't." "Yuss it is, I seen it fust."

"There's another—that's mine." "No it ain't." "Yuss it is, I seen it fust."

"I'm cap'n' it that one." "No you ain't, that one ain't got no cap'n'—it's only got a mite (mate) see."

"The pity of it all!" "The glorified ecstasy of being captain of a castaway gobbet of vegetable refuse on a gutter sea."

In another part of his report the Medical Officer of Health says: "It may be said generally that the children have nowhere to play except in the dangerous open streets. Here they may be seen skipping, spinning tops, playing at soldiers, playing cricket with heaped coats for wickets and a tied-up cap or newspaper for a ball, swinging and climbing over hand trucks, baiting dogs or teasing cats."

"Mind Your Back!" "They swing on ropes attached to the brackets of street lamps. They may be seen wheeling ramshackle hazardous prams containing babies on the pavement or on the road way, colliding with gas standards or diffident wayfarers, with the apologetic formula, 'Mind your back, please,' after the collision has taken place."

"These streets, out of school hours, in slum districts teem with raw life and strenuous activity. The cave man is awakened in each child."

And so he feels that there is an urgent need for playgrounds. He says:

"One of the most urgent and pressing needs is the provision of open spaces for children for play and recreation, supervised and controlled so as to prevent horseplay and injury." — From The East End Star, the organ of the Rev. F. W. Chudleigh's East End Mission.

A Chinese painter of 5, Wellington Street, was sent to hospital yesterday suffering from crushed fingers accidentally caused whilst engaged at work at a house.

To-day's Thought.

"The way the young man spends his leisure time will decide where he will land in time."

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of December 31, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2 1/2 %.

Philippines gathered in the City Hall last night for a concert held in celebration of what is known as the "Ten Year Anniversary" of the Philippine Republic. The concert was given by the Philippine National Orchestra, and was a most successful one. The proceeds of the concert were for the benefit of the Philippine National Orchestra.

THE PRINCE AND THE PEARLS

STORIES OF FUN AND FROLIC.

Intimate glimpses of the Royal Family at home are given in "The Memoirs of a Maid of Honour," by the Hon. Katherine Villiers, Maid of Honour to the Queen since 1911 a book published to-day. (Ivor Nicholson and Watson, Ltd. 18s.).

"The Prince of Wales," writes the author, "when I knew him in his teens was a fair, pink and white boy, with very good manners."

"He showed already embryonic signs of that charm which has made him the World's Playfellow. Any debutante would have thought herself lucky to have possessed a complexion like his young Royal Highness in those days."

Even then he had that "nervous little trick of fidgeting his tie."

Here is one story of a royal time. That evening there were no guests and Princess Mary and her governess, the Prince of Wales and his brothers, Mr. Hansell (the Prince's tutor), and I settled down to "Demon Patience."

Ferocious Patience.

"When played by four or five people against each other this mild 'old maid's' pastime develops the ferociousness of 'Animal Grab.' Cards may be torn, tables upset."

"I remember after one game (not played at the Castle) I remained with nothing in my left-hand but one eye of the king of diamonds. The rest of his Majesty was scattered in strips about the table."

"We were not quite as rough as this at Windsor, but still we played it with a good deal of zest."

Miss Villiers missed a string of pearls from her neck during the game.

"The children forthwith started a hunt. No one found it. The children still hunted vigorously, but they were laughing together and whispering. I noticed. What mischief were they up to? I wondered."

"I said nothing, and finally the search was abandoned. As I was proceeding down the corridor to bed, the Prince of Wales came up

behind me, said something and held out his hand."

"Don't Worry."

"He looked at me shyly, but with those curiously observant eyes which missed little, even in those days: 'Don't worry, they'll turn up safely, believe me,' he said and turned sharply away. Sleepily I climbed into bed. On the pillow—carefully arranged in a circle—were the pearls. 'Oh, those children,' I murmured. The Prince of Wales was right."

When the tutor and Miss Villiers took Princess Mary, Prince Henry and Prince George on a private visit to the White City they had to go round the Mountain Railway nine times.

"At one more than horrible swoop Prince Henry emitted a shrill scream of excitement. Princess Mary at once followed his example, and, after that, at each plunge of the car, they all three screamed together."

"The Princess's hat had by this time followed the Princes' little bowlers into the bottom of the car, and her peculiarly fair and lovely hair now flew free like a mad aureole round her ecstatic face."

"Holding Princess Mary... The tutor held each boy firmly by the coat whilst I secured a tight grip of Princess Mary's sash, for their excitement was such that it seemed as if they might fall out of the car. Nine times in all we did the circuit before the charm of it began to wane, and Prince George inquired about the possibilities of tea."

"Tea after this? Oh, help! I felt that nothing but a captain's biscuit and some weak brandy and water would be appropriate for me."

An amusing story of the kind of opportunities seized by the Royal children for a little fun concerns the Queen's visit to the ballroom at Buckingham Palace to make final arrangements for the first Court of her reign.

"The royal children, always ex-

tremely high-spirited, made the occasion an excuse for much hilarity. Prince George discovered a loose holland sheet, and at once insisted on arranging it as a Court train for his sister, Princess Mary."

The Curious. "This burdened, she had to pass the two Thrones, making the appropriate curtsies to a chorus of suppressed mirth from her two little brothers—the Prince of Wales was not present on this occasion."

"Her Majesty, accustomed to their high spirits, paid very little attention to these goings-on, but continued her discussion with the Master of the Household."

"Presently the Queen mounted the dais and stood between the Thrones. Calling to me, she asked me to come in slowly from the door, just as the ladies would on the great night, and to make the regulation curtsies to the two Thrones."

"Prince George instantly volunteered for his service, but was suppressed by his sister."

"In spite, however, of her protests, he would not allow matters to proceed until he had transferred the Princess's brown holland train to my shoulders, and with this ludicrous addition to my morning coat and skirt I fulfilled the Queen's request."

A Cheerful Time. "She does it too quickly," pronounced Prince George. They could never get through as quickly as that with their long trains—and bouquets. "Be quiet, George," said his sister."

A pen picture of the young Royal generation of to-day. "Tea-time—and a cheerful time. The Queen sits on the sofa dispensing strenuous day can be seen now in the serene face, except perhaps in the tea. Very little trace of her busy faintly shadowed eyes. Her Majesty has relinquished for a few moments her heavy responsibilities, and is resting now in a happy, quiet, family atmosphere."

"Her Majesty's only daughter and much-loved little daughter-in-law may often be found gathered round the hospitable table. Princess Margaret Rose. "And perhaps about this time the doors will open to admit an adorable little figure with a crown of golden curls, who rushes straight for grandmamma's welcoming arms, an impetuous, chuckling, wholly delightful little person—very much (Continued at foot of next column.)"

a personage too, with quaint little airs of dignity all her own."

"She is followed, in by a grave-faced, serious, with a little white bundle of softness on her arm."

"This the Duchess of York receives and holds close to her heart, while Princess Margaret Rose's chubby, restless little fingers grope for the lovely pearl she knows so well."

Dinner at Windsor.

Informal meals at Windsor Castle. "When there were no guests at Windsor Castle, but just their Majesties and the household, we dined together in what is usually known as the breakfast room, a Gothic-panelled room above the Sovereign's entrance."

"Those were the evenings with their Majesties that I loved most. The lights subdued by the heavy panelling, were softer, talk was general round the oval table; the King and Queen expanded in an atmosphere entirely free from ceremony, and both showed how genial and charming they could be. In fact we were a happy family."

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 385 metres:

5-6 p.m.—Chinese Recorded Programme.

6-8 p.m.—Chinese Concert from the Studio.

8 p.m.—12 midnight—European Programme of Victor & H.M.V. Records.

8 p.m.—Local Time.

8.05-8.27 p.m.—

Daphnis et Chloe—Suite No. 2 (Maurice Ravel).

8.27-9.15 p.m.—Concert Items.

The Wren (Rostor-Benedict).

Marion Talley (Soprano) (1156).

Piano Solo—

Suggestion Diabolique, Op. 4, No. 4 (Prokofiev).

Concerto in E Minor (Medner), Banno Molselvitsh (1530).

Song—

The Sands of Dee (Kingsley-Clay), Punchinello (Weatherly-Molloy), Reinold Werfenrath, Baritone (1156).

Violin Solo—

Tango (Elman), Album Leaf (Wagner-Wilhelm), Mischa Elman (1156).

Song—

Afton Water (Burns), Annie Laurie (Traditional), Mary Garden (Soprano) (1480).

Violoncello Solo—

Jocelyn—Berceuse (Göndard), Evening Song (Schumann), Pablo Casals (1156).

Song—

Two Grenadiers (Heine-Schumann), Reinold Werfenrath, Baritone (1156).

9.15-12 midnight—Dance Programme (Unannounced).

Fox Trot—

The Hour of Parting, That Little Boy of Mine, (22738), Never, Without That Girl, (22750), As Long as You're There, (22754), Girl of My Dreams, (21283), Maria, Mari, (21283), Hebble, Jeelies, (22753), Minnie, the Moocher, (22753), There's No Other Girl, (22753), I'm all Dressed up with a Broken Heart, (22753), My Moonlight Rosey, (22753), Blue Kentucky Moon, (22820), Fox Trot—

Have a Heart, (22753), To-night or Never, (22753), I Can't Get Mississippi off my Mind, (22753), I Can't Write the Words, (22753), That Melody of Love, (21297), Was it a Dream? (21297), Fox Trot—

When You Press Your Lips, (22753), If I Have to go on Without You, (22753), It's a Long Time Between Rhymes, (22753), Love Letters in the Sand, (22753), Goodnight Sweetheart, (22753), So Close to Me, (22753), Fox Trot—

The Merry Song, (22753), Let's Drive Away Our Dreams, (22753), New Year's Eve, (22753), You're Gone, (22753), How's Your Uncle, (22753), Goodnight Sweetheart, (22753), Fox Trot—

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Carnival Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "Monkey Business."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Dawn Patrol."

To-day—Central Theatre: "Tabu."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Derelict."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Let's Be Gay."

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Zuidkerk).

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Chitral); from America (President Taft); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Japan), noon.

Miscellaneous.

January 2—St. Stephen's College new school year begins.

January 12-14—Royal Sanitary Institute (Hong Kong Centre) examinations in Sanitary Science, and for Sanitary Inspectors.

Land Sales.

January 4—At P.W.D. Offices one lot of Crown land at Cheung Sha Wan, 2 p.m.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

Diphtheria Cases Most Prominent.

44 TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended December 26 is as follows:

Cases Deaths

Typhoid fever 2 2

Diphtheria 21 9

Tuberculosis 44

Summary to December 26.

The returns from January 1 to December 26 give the following figures:

Cases Deaths

Typhoid fever 210 86

Small-pox 14 9

Scarlet fever 8

Diphtheria 155 53

Cerebro-spinal fever 21 10

Puerperal fever 19 13

Tuberculosis 2,812

Twenty-one of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese; as were three scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, two cerebro-spinal fever cases, and 51 diphtheria cases.

PICKPOCKETS' TERROR.

Adds One More Item To His Sum Of Knowledge.

"The Pickpockets' Terror" is what Herr Adolf Klein, of Vienna has been called, says Reuters. Herr Klein knows all the secrets of the world's neatest, pocket-pickers, their haunts and systems, and has studied their subtle little tricks. He has written several books on pocket-picking as a fine art.

But when Herr Klein was riding in a bus, the bus jolted and a man fell sprawling at his feet. Herr Klein was human enough to help the unfortunate traveller to his feet and out of the bus.

Then Herr Klein felt in his pocket and now realises that he has a new pickpocket. He is to record when one of his books runs into its next edition. His wallet, containing a large sum of money, was missing.

Mr. Winston Churchill in a witty speech in the Commons, recently described Mr. Lansbury's social ideal as a dim Utopia that would reduce our civilisation to the vast nationalistic state of the Middle Ages.

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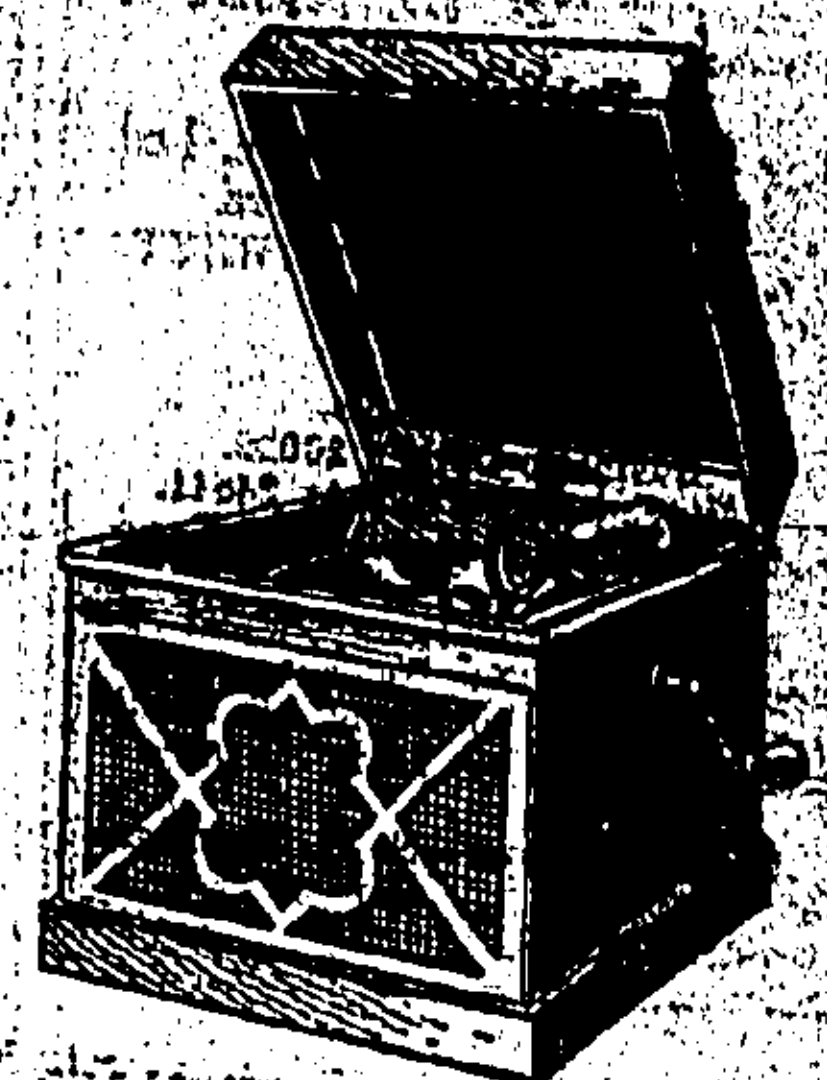
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1 qt. Superior Tawny Port
2 qt. St. Julien Claret
1 qt. Old Brown Cherry Brandy
1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
1 qt. Burgundy's Burgundy
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ARMS LICENCES.

HOLDERS of Arms Licences are reminded that their Licences are due for renewal on 1st January, 1932. A fee of \$10.00 per licence payable in advance will be charged. Licensees should call at the Arms Office, Police Headquarters between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily (Sunday and Public Holidays excepted), with their arms and licences before 31st January, 1932. One new passport size photograph is necessary.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Inspector General of Police.
31st December, 1931.

NOTICE.

OWING TO the Epidemic of Diphtheria the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, will re-open on January 11 at 9 a.m. instead of January 5.

THE HEAD MISTRESS.
Hong Kong, December 31, 1931.

FOOTBALL.
Charity Match in Aid of Earl Haig's Fund.

SERVICES v. CIVILIANS
at Hong Kong Football Club's ground, on New Year's Day.
His Excellency the Governor will kick off at 3.30 p.m.

NOTICE.

YOU have been WARNED about congregating in the confined spaces but not the OPEN spaces of the KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB.

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SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG.

THE PRESIDENT and Committee regret that it has been found necessary to cancel the Annual Ball which it was proposed to hold on January 6, 1932.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Secretaries & Treasurers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 4th day of January, 1932, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King for one further term of 25 years less the last three days.

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GENERAL NOTICES.

BANK HOLIDAYS

IN Accordance with Government Ordinance, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1932 (New Year Holidays).
Hong Kong, 28th December, 1931.

PEAK CLUB.

THE COMMITTEE regret to announce that, under Medical Advice, they have decided to CANCEL THE NEW YEAR BALL arranged for THURSDAY, December 31, at the Peak Club.
Hong Kong, December 29, 1931.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

BY VIRTUE of the authority vested in them by Ordinary Resolution of the Company passed by Shareholders at an Extraordinary Meeting held on 1st December, 1931, the Directors of the Company have decided to offer to Shareholders Additional Shares in the proportion of one Additional Share of the nominal value of \$5 for every five Shares of which they are the registered holders on 9th January, 1932.

Such Additional Shares will be issued at par. The full nominal amount of \$5 per share will be payable on acceptance of the offer on or before 1st February, 1932, in the case of shareholders whose registered address is in the Colony of Hong Kong. In the case of shareholders whose registered address is outside the Colony of Hong Kong, the date for payment will be 1st April, 1932.

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from 2nd January, 1932, to 9th January, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 3rd December, 1931.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE NO. 4264 for ONE HUNDRED (100) SHARES numbered 6890/6739, 7865/7893 and 39190/39214, in the above Company and standing in the name of FRANCISCO XAVIER SOARES having been reported lost, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE is produced within ONE MONTH from the date hereof, it will thereafter be held by the Company as NULL AND VOID, and a NEW CERTIFICATE for the said shares will be issued.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th December, 1931.

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Reviews from Official Sources.

"MONKEY BUSINESS."

Yes, the Marx Brothers have names which sound like those of other folks, but even their friends won't call them by those names. And to each other they are known even in the cloistered quiet of Marx family life, as Harpo, Groucho, Chico and Zeppo.

Harpo's real name is Arthur; Groucho is Julius; Chico is Leo and Zeppo is Herbert. There is a fifth Marx brother. He is called by his brothers and everyone else, Gummo. But his real name is Milton.

"Monkey Business" presents the brothers in a story that has to do with stowaways and yeggmen aboard an ocean liner. The four brothers are stowaways and practically anybody is a yeggman. It all winds up when they come ashore and rescue Zeppo's girl friend from the clutches of bootleggers in an old barn.

"DAWN PATROL"

The screening of "The Dawn Patrol," First National-Vitaphone's air drama at the Queen's Theatre, marks a radical departure in the career of its star, Richard Barthelmess.

"The Dawn Patrol" breaks several motion picture traditions. There is no leading woman, in fact no woman at all. There is no villain or heavy. The principals glower and fume at each other. The same unseen menace seems to hang over every one. There is no physical encounter between two principals. The leading players all virtually become heroes. In spite of all this the story is very masculine and relates the strong bond between men who are constantly faced by imminent death and destruction.

"DIRIGIBLE"

Everyone remembers Longfellow's "Courtship of Miles Standish," and the famous lines in which Priscilla coyly asks, "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?" And in "Columbia Pictures" latest feature "Dirigible," which comes to the Central Theatre to-morrow, many women will doubtless ask why John, or rather, Jack Bradon doesn't speak for himself.

Bradon and Frisky and Louis Rondelle, a noted Arctic explorer, decide to start for the South Pole in Bradon's giant dirigible. Frisky's plane is to be hooked under the great airship and is to be used in the final dash to the Pole. Helen Pierce is consumed with anxiety for her husband's safety. She begs Bradon not to take Frisky along. So Bradon sacrifices the ambition of his best friend because he feels his first duty is to Helen.

But Bradon's first Polar expedition is a failure and Frisky goes off on one of his own. It is then that Jack Bradon's temptation to tell Helen of his love is almost irresistible. Time and time again he almost speaks for himself.

Jack Holt, as Jack Bradon, and Ralph Graves as Frisky Pierce, head the cast of "Dirigible." Fay Wray plays the feminine lead.

"THE MAN IN POSSESSION"

Robert Montgomery had all the comforts of home when he filmed "The Man in Possession" his new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture which is coming to-morrow to the Queen's Theatre.

For this picturisation of the

H. M. Harwood stage farce a complete five-room English cottage was built, on one of the big studio sound stages, "practical" in every detail and ready for housekeeping. It included hot and cold running water system, electric lights, gas range, automatic refrigerator, and other modern conveniences.

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In the picture Montgomery plays the part of a young British blade who poses as the butler in the home of a dashing young widow (Irene Purcell). Included in the imposing cast are Charlotte Greenwood, C. Aubrey Smith, Beryl Mercer, Reginald Owen, and Alan Mowbray.

"TRANSATLANTIC"

Gestured acting is doomed! Greta Nissen, beautiful Norwegian blonde actress who has a featured role in "Transatlantic," William K. Howard Fox film drama coming on Sunday to the King's Theatre, believes that the "Windmill" school of acting has been struck its final death blow by the refinement of talking pictures.

"In the European school," she said, "where I was trained, you express emotion with somewhat more gesture and more vigorously so far as outward appearance goes. On the stage, even in America, your technique is different from talkie technique."

Edmund Lowe and Lois Moran portray leading roles in the picture.

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*MIRZAPUR	5,700	4th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*KARNATAKA	9,000	10th Jan.	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
CHITRAL	15,000	30th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	9,000	13th Feb.	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
NALDERA	15,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	5,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
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*BURDWAN	5,500	2nd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	15,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR-HINDI	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	15th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANUVA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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*KALYAN	9,000	15th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	8,000	15th Jan.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*KASHMIR	9,000	18th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOUDAN	5,800	26th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	15,000	29th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KANDA	12,000	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BURDWAN	5,500	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CORFU	15,000	11th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	5,800	5th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	17,000	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	5,500	28th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	5th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	15,000	19th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KASHMIR-HINDI	12,000	2nd June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Contemporary Model at
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In the vestibule of the Science
Museum, South Kensington, a con-
temporary model of a Stuart Royal
Yacht has been placed on exhibi-
tion. The model represents a de-
sign for one of the 14 large yachts
built by Charles II., of which a
number of representations survive
in the works of the Van de Velde,
father and son. The decorations
of the stern are not, however,
identical with any of those sketch-
ed and named by those artists,
though the dimensions correspond
very closely with those of the
Katherine and the Portsmouth,
both built for the King at Wool-
wich in 1674 by Phineas Pett.

As actually built, nearly all these
Stuart Royal Yachts carried a
large carving of the Royal Arms
in the stern, and the figures of a
draped woman and two naked boys,
which here take the place of that
design, seem to indicate that the
present model represents a project-
ed rather than a completed vessel.
The carving, which is excellently
preserved, is delicate and elaborate.
The sleeping boys above the win-
dows of the cabin being particularly
charming. The hull has needed
only very slight repairs, and the
mast, gaff, and lower yard are all
original, while the sails, rigging,
flags, and guns have been added in
the museum from information con-
tained in contemporary pictures
and drawings. The three stern
lanterns, sloping back, but ap-
parently globular, as seen from the
waterline, were discovered in the
hull of the model.

The dimensions of the yacht,
which is represented in the model
on a scale of 1:30, appear to have
been 56ft. length of keel (length
on deck 70 ft.), breadth 20.3 ft.,
approximate burden 130 tons. The
armament consisted of eight 3-
pounders. Only three other con-
temporary models of Royal Yachts
of the period survive, and two of
these are incomplete. Their in-
terest is the greater since yachting
was introduced into Britain by
Charles II. first through the
yachts Mary and Bezan; presented
to him by the Dutch East India
Company, and then by the yachts
which the King had designed by
British shipwrights to excel the
Dutch vessels in speed. They were
used for occasions of pleasure and
state, and both Charles and his
brother (James II.) encouraged the
sailing of matches between individ-
ual vessels, thus laying the
foundation of yacht-racing in
Britain.

The British shipwrights discard-
ed the Dutch form of hull, and
adapted the lines of a very small
sixth-rate man-of-war. The British
yachts were not fitted with lee-
boards, and though the Dutch
stump-topmast was retained, the

spirit was discarded in favour of a
new "half-sprit" or standing gaff.
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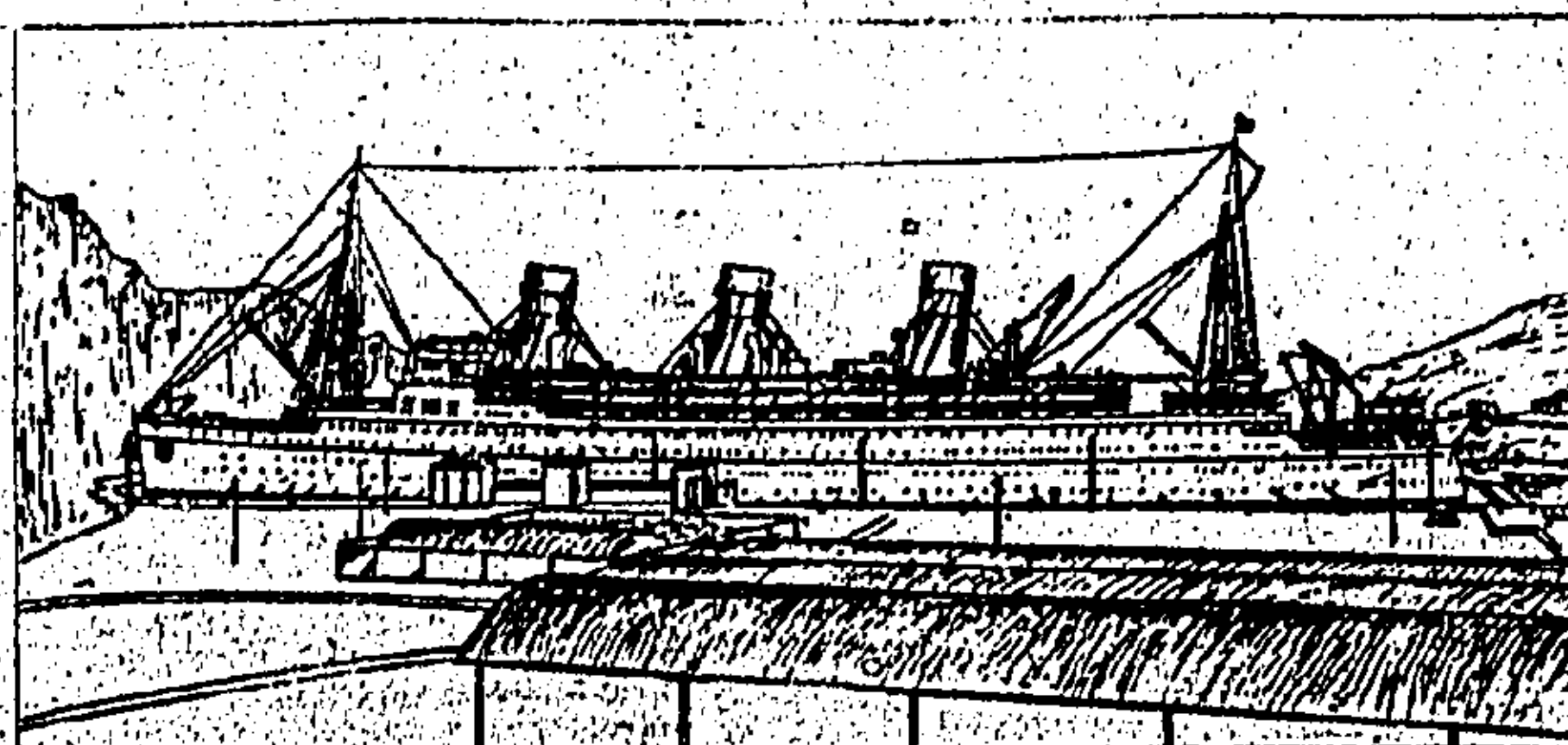
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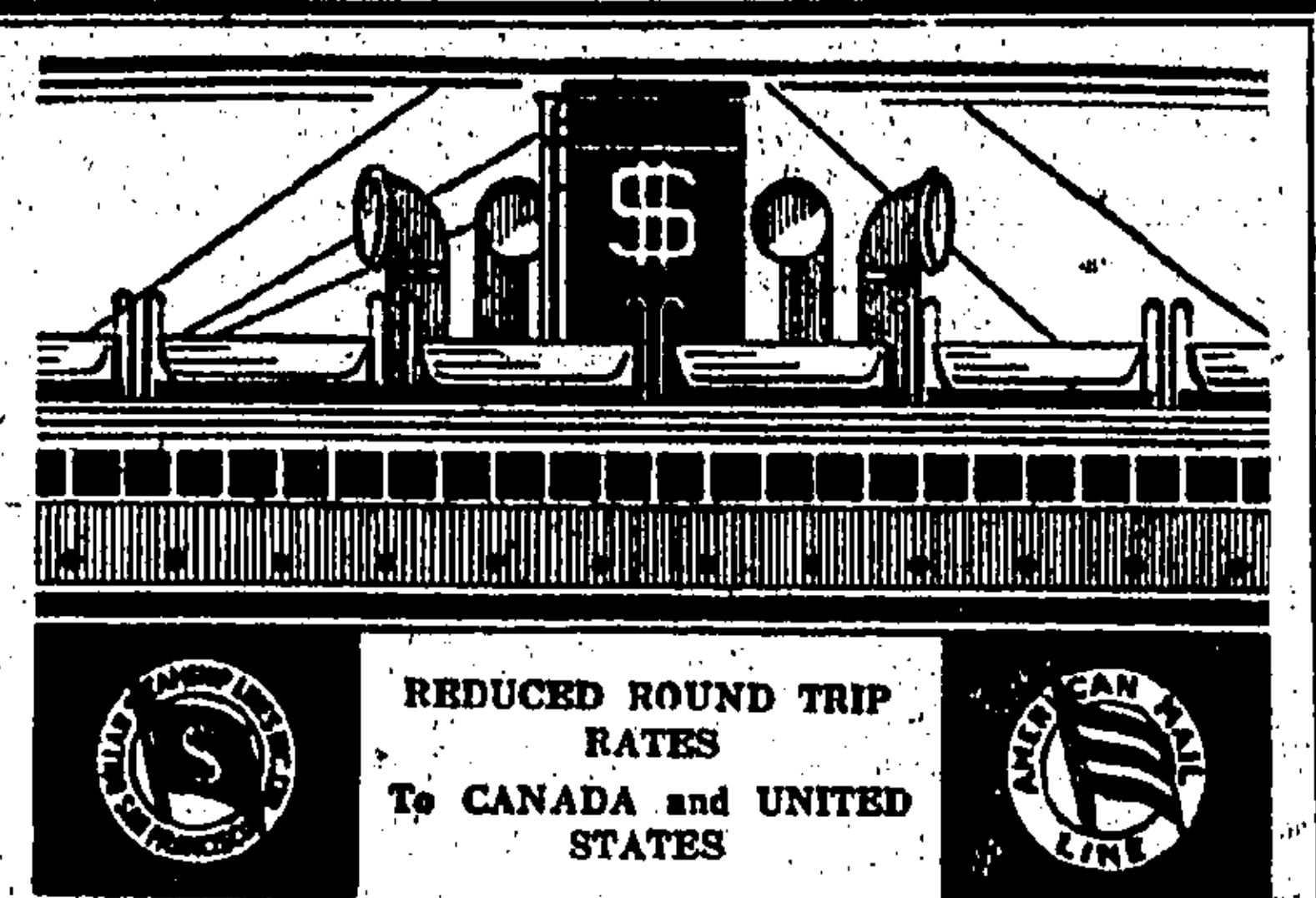
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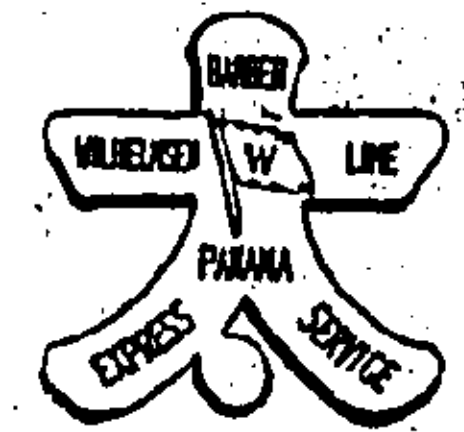
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THE ABNORMAL COMPETITION
FOR GOLDSILVER'S VANISHED PURCHASING
POWER.

By COLIN D. BRODIE
(Secretary, Sterling Society, 14 and 15, Royal Exchange.)

During the past two and a half years there has been an abnormal competition for the world's existing supplies of gold, and coinciding with this an abnormal and purely artificial depreciation in the price of silver. By sales and demonstration of silver extending over a long period of years the more advanced countries have deprived the teeming millions of Asia of their capacity to buy those goods that Europe and America are craving to sell. The truth must be recognised that to-day one-half of the world is too poor to buy what the other half has to sell. The silver-using workers absolutely refuse to put up three days' pay for an article of British manufacture that 2½ years ago could be purchased for one day's labour. The Western countries and latterly the Indian Government, in their scramble to rid themselves of "the poor man's money," have forced our previous great customers to turn into impoverished manufacturers. The inevitable result of this selfish and insane monetary policy is that we can buy cheap Persian carpets, but she can buy next to nothing in return from us. Note the point - we cannot export. Or let us take the case of China with her 450,000,000 of people. She is turning manufacturers and cotton operatives are working in the Shanghai mills at wages that vary from 3s. 6d. to 5s. per week. Meanwhile, Lancashire perishes and we exert all our power to force a race of 450,000,000 to turn into an industrial empire. Our present industrial plight is bad enough, but dark the white races contemplate what straits they will be reduced to if they try and continue an industrial fight against a race whose standards of living are measured in terms of bowls of rice to which we have added the weapon of cheap money? Although tariffs and taxation may enable us to tide over a very difficult period, they do not strike at the root of the matter.

which is the vanished purchasing power of half the world's population. The price of silver is therefore a matter of vital interest to Great Britain with her rapidly vanishing export trade. With the accumulated silver savings of the peoples of India and China rendered worthless, is it small wonder that Lancashire is being permanently crippled and our unemployed mount at the rate of 28,000 per week? In the field of labour we are witnessing a new verification of Gresham's Law, and a tremendous blow is being aimed at the European and American workman's standard of living. For twelve months I have carefully followed the silver question and interviewed or corresponded with many of our leading industrialists and bankers. Not one of them has expressed to me the view that the silver question is hopeless and could not be tackled; they all agree that there should be an immediate cessation of silver sales by the Indian Government and purification of our currency, which in its present composition is brass. It is my emphatic view that we should stop hammering silver down in price and immediately stop our policy of boycotting it as currency. If we do not recognise the "poor man's money" the consequences will be too terrible for serious contemplation. Bismarck's fatal action in 1873 will in time be regarded as only a passing phase of the world's monetary history and as something very much shorter lived than the centuries-old relation of silver as the time-honoured partner of gold. It can only be a matter of a comparatively few short weeks before Labour, both here and in the United States and Germany, will realise the implication of Whitehall's action in repudiating and depreciating silver. A reversal of official action will then come. Financial Times.

GOLD DISCOUNT BANK'S
CAPITAL.

Berlin, December 21.
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Sir Percy Mackinnon's Fourth Election.

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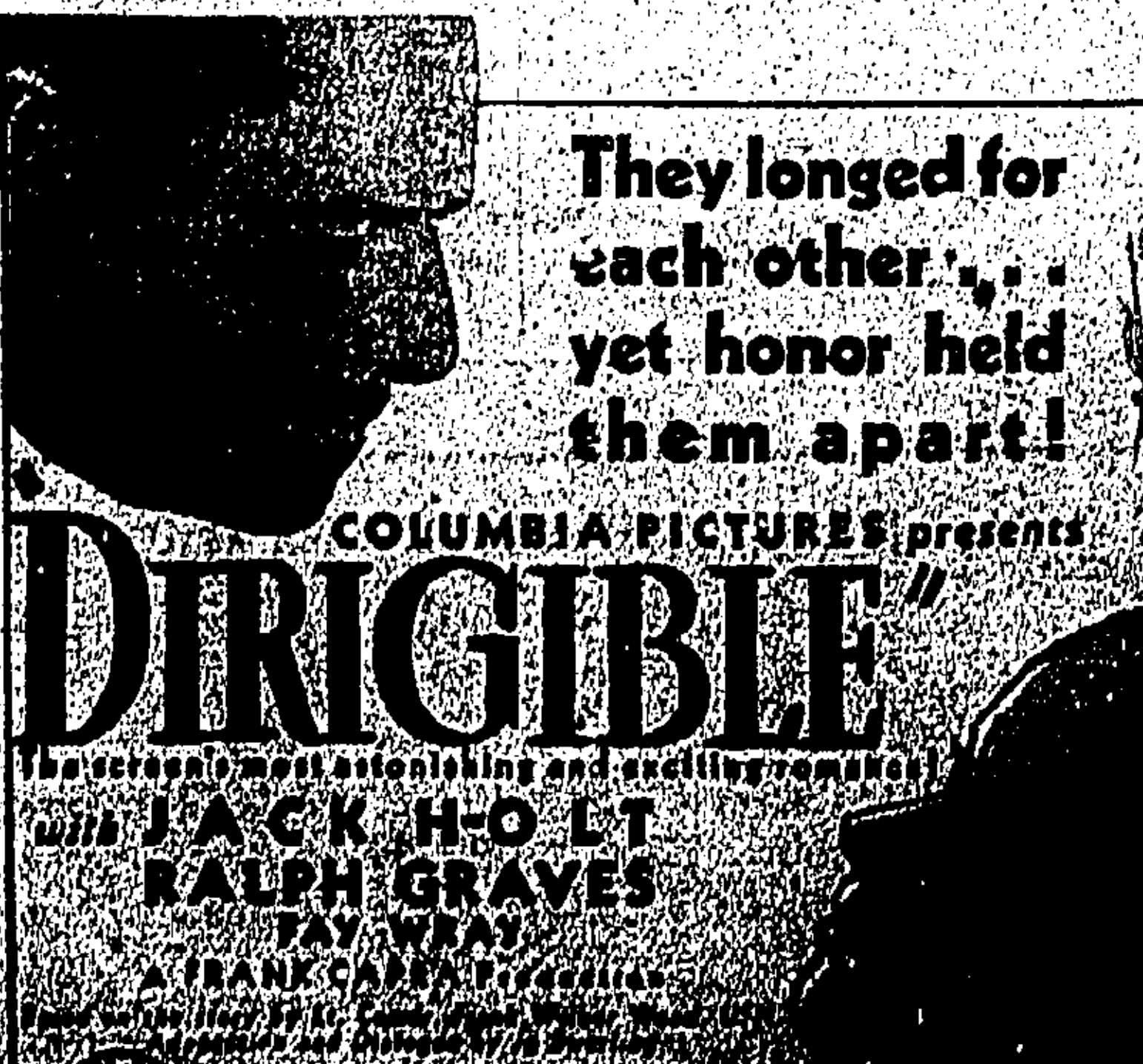
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"ROBOT BREWERS."

There is something cheerful about the idea of a brewers' exhibition. To the layman it conjures up visions of hearty rubicund old men, quart pewter tankards set out on the table before them, chatting breezily about spigots and bungs, while their grandchildren romp merrily in the skittle alley at their feet.

But somehow (writes a "Daily Telegraph" representative) Progress seems to have interfered with this idyllic state of affairs. Purity, sterilisation, and high-power bottle washers have made Pasteur replace Bacchus as the central figure in the brewers' shrine.

Nowhere is this change more clearly marked than at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, where the Brewers' and Allied Traders' forty-third exhibition is taking place.

Robot Brewer.

As I walked round the stands I felt that I must have been mistaken when, some years ago, I thought I had discovered the perfect beer, brewed on the premises in an inn in a little Worcestershire village. Here were enormous and elaborate machines whirling bottles about, cleaning them, stamping them, and purifying them in a way that would have made the hair of the landlord of that humble public-house stand on end.

Such is modernity. The robot brewer, I was proudly assured, is nearer realisation than ever before. The aim of the public-house keeper is nowadays to make his inn not a mere gin palace, but a "cosy social centre."

The idea, undoubtedly, is an excellent one. But I could not help wondering, as I looked at the writing tables, the talking-weighting machines, and the charming table decorations, whether the average rustic (if he still exists) would not be too much intrigued by the comforts which will surround him in his imposing village-road-house to remember to order any beer before closing time.

"Minerals" To The Fore.

It is difficult to make special mention of any single contrivance among a multitude of combined counter-pressure filling and crowning machines outside cask washers, hydro soakers and automatic loading drag-bar elevators. It is, however, a notable sign of the times that the mineral-water industry is making the biggest display it has ever shown at the exhibition.

There was an interesting link with the past at the luncheon held to inaugurate the exhibition. The chairman, Mr. J. A. Pryor, presented a testimonial to Mr. J. B. T. Chevallier, a grandson of the famous Dr. John Chevallier who originated Chevallier barley, which is one of the biggest mainstays of the brewing industry.

Mr. Pryor told the story of how, a hundred years ago, a workman named Edward Dove found a few grains of barley in one of his boots when he returned home from threshing. He grew them in his garden, and when Dr. Chevallier

A FLORAL TRAP FOR FLIES.

Victims Drunk With
Nectar.

What might be described as a certain awed interest was displayed by amateurs in one of the exhibits at the Royal Horticultural Show of orchids and allied plants.

This is the pitcher plant of Mr. L. R. Russell, the Richmond nurseryman. Mr. Russell has been cultivating pitchers for some years. Like orchids they are strange feeders, and not only eat but trap insects.

This particular pitcher has developed a gargantuan appetite, and dearly loves a cockroach for breakfast.

Did Not Feel Well.

Mr. Richmond told a Star reporter about it. The first cockroach he gave it rather surprised the plant, but the cockroach was even more astonished, for the pitcher with a never-say-die and nil-desperandum air, closed up its flower and settled down to the work of assimilation.

The next day it did not feel very well, but there was nothing left of the cockroach.

Nowadays nothing pleases it better than a nice, plump, tender cockroach, and the Russell nurseries are no longer healthy quarters for the pest.

A Little Reckless.

The ordinary pitcher is not quite so ambitious a feeder, but its methods are the same. It attracts its victims by a display of first-class nectar, and induces them to come inside where there is some even better stuff.

The normal, well-brought-up insect is very suspicious of the pitcher's hospitality but, after a few drinks, it becomes a little reckless and refuses to be intimidated by a mere flower.

So it goes farther down the escalator, has a few more and then decides to go back.

The Pool of Death.

This is where the pitcher is so sinister, because the slope is so slippery that one step upwards means two steps back. Still, quite unafraid, the visitor tries to fly out. But the petals have by now closed up, and the fly eventually falls right into the pool of death at the bottom of the pitcher.

So far Mr. Russell's plant does not tackle wasps, bluebottles or spiders, but the way it reaches out for unwary travellers and induces them to drop in for refreshment is very uncanny.

Pitchers are becoming quite popular but, as it is essentially a "stove" plant, (or hot-house), it is not of much use to the ordinary suburban gardener who wants something useful for green fly.

A MOUSTACHES RECORD?

Each of Herr Jung's moustaches measures 2ft. 1 1/2 in. Herr Jung, who went to Paris from Bamberg, claims that his moustaches are the biggest and best in Europe.

saw the barley there he asked for the seed and cultivated it. The resulting barley has now gone all over the world.

MADELEINE'S MAD MOMENT.

Shoots Husband and
Cuts His Throat.

TO MAKE SURE.

"Arrest me, Mr. Policeman! I have, through jealousy, killed my husband. Being a good citizen, I feel bound to regularise the affair by reporting the sad occurrence. Pray consider me at your disposal for guillotining purposes."

Thus did Madeleine, a lady who is no longer young, admit her fault, and who, clad lightly in a "chemise de nuit" and little else, presented herself, very early, one morning, at a French police station.

Obligingly conducting the Inspector and his minions to the little hotel where she had taken the law into her own hands, a terrible sight confronted them. For the unfortunate husband, his wife's junior by some twenty years, lay weltering in gore, a bullet being lodged in the brain, while his throat was cut from ear to ear. It transpired that Madeleine had first put a revolver to Maurice's temple, completing the business with her prostrate husband's razor. "I do not believe in these modern weapons," said the murderess, when asked why she considered it necessary to make a double job of it. "They are mere toy things..."

Madeline, who, by this time, was extremely penitent, told her sad tale, and in a voice broken with that uncontrolled emotion which the Parisians laud out in large quantities. "Five years ago," sobbed the lady, "I married the victim of my jealousy, making him a suitable allowance. Recently, the unmanly fellow twitted me with being his senior, and the next day I discovered that he was carrying on an intrigue with a French typist employed by one of the British banks in Paris, and a most abandoned young hussy! I interviewed the little wretch, and endeavoured to make her understand the enormity of her offence, upon which the reptile mocked at me! I also saw the Manager; but the islander does not understand French as we pronounce it. The ignorant one was no use to me!"

At this juncture the poor thing was so overcome that floods of tears choked her utterance. Two glasses of rum, however, fortified the orator, and with dramatic gestures, she described how the deed was done adding:—"It should have used the revolver only, since it is the official weapon of the 'crime passionnel'. The razor may prove my undoing..." Very true.

BROKEN BONES NAILED TOGETHER.

Metal nails as a means of connecting the two ends of a fractured bone are a feature of a new method for treating fractures, which Dr. Lorenz Boehler demonstrated at a meeting of the Vienna Medical Society.

Dr. Boehler showed X-ray photographs of his method, and presented a number of patients, including a woman of 80, who, he said, was now able to walk normally.

The new method is particularly useful with fractures of bones of old people whose bones lack powers of recovery.

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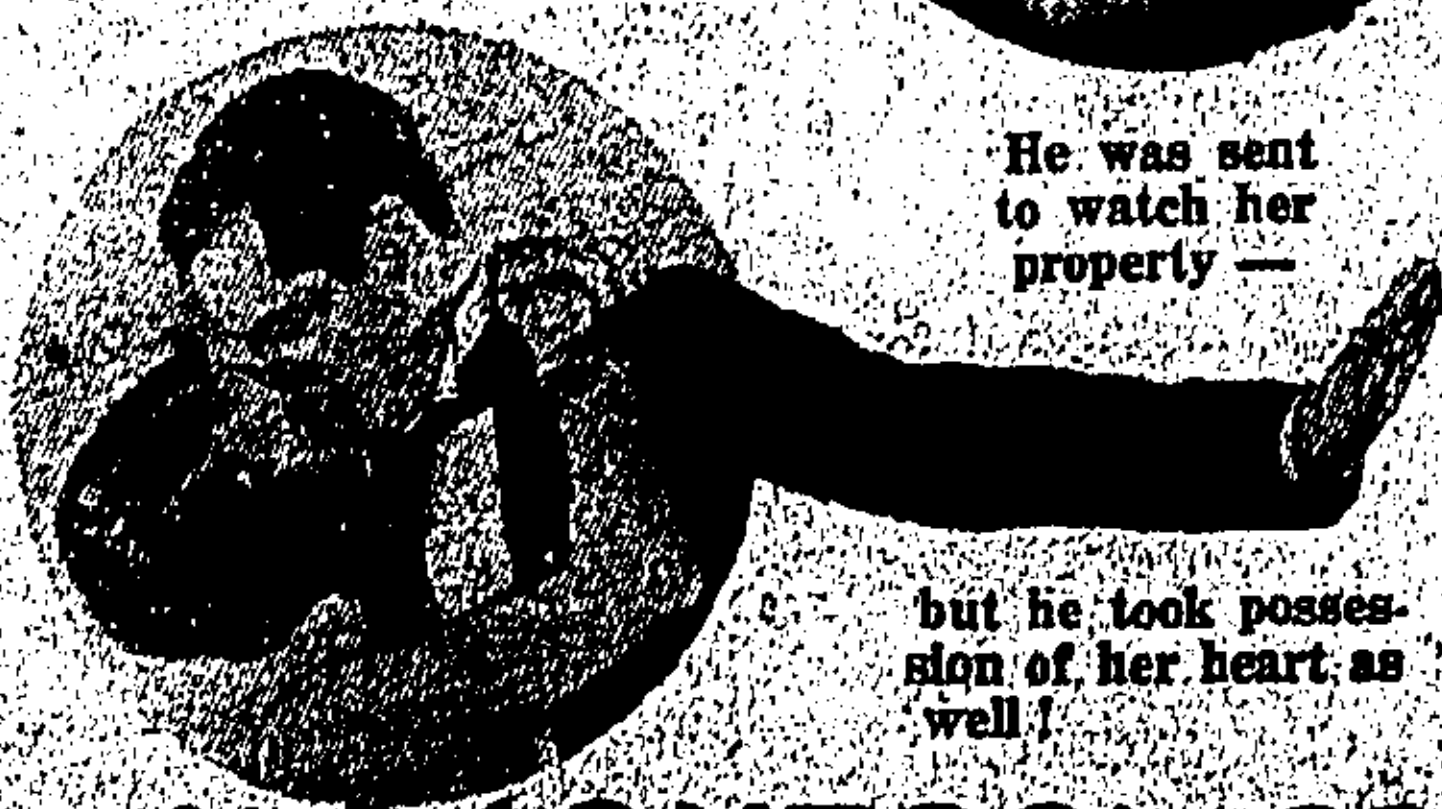
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